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ON THE COVER – Suzanne Vlasek Anderson '92, a board-certified music therapist, gives U.S. Navy veteran Lana Gillaspie piano lessons as therapy for her multiple sclerosis. Anderson has worked at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Knoxville for 12 years. (Photo by Karris Golden '98)

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MUSIC WOMAN: Alumna

by Karris Golden '98

Karris Golden

GOOD TIMES – One of the patients' favorite activities is singing karaoke with Suzanne Vlasek Anderson '92, the only music therapist working in an Iowa Veterans Affairs Hospital in Knoxville. Here, she takes a turn on the "dance floor" with a patient.

Suzanne Vlasek Anderson '92 comes from a musical family and has enjoyed playing and performing.

However, her post-high school plans were to become a doctor or do something else in the medical field.

"My music director suggested music therapy," she recalls. "I didn't really know what that was, not until I took classes."

Without knowing much about the field, Anderson decided to study music therapy. She chose Wartburg, largely because it's the only private college in Iowa to offer a music therapy degree program.

What she discovered was that the major was a good fit. Today, she's a board-certified music therapist and works at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Knoxville, where she oversees and administers a variety of programs, from music lessons to relaxation sessions.

"I enjoy working with people and using music. It's fun to do something that is about helping people enjoy themselves," she says.

On the surface, she's the fun woman who pushes around a cart full of musical instruments – her "bag of tricks."

"There are people here who are depressed, who have physical and emotional problems," she notes. "What I do helps them forget that for awhile and have fun."

But her work goes far beyond a good time. In her 12 years at the VA hospital, she has experienced many phenomenal breakthroughs.

Last fall, one of Anderson's toughest cases blossomed. Kenny, 52, had lost much of his memory due to alcohol-induced dementia. Although he had once been a singer, his recollection of those days was long gone.

After reviewing his personal information, Anderson went through her vast collection of recordings – thousands of records and 700 CDs – in search of something that might spark Kenny's memory.

"People think it's as easy as playing a song – any song – but it's not," Anderson explains. "You have to find the right song, and that takes time and research. You have to look at the person, when and where they grew up. For a lot of people, you look at their late teens, their courting period. Then you start playing music until something clicks. That song becomes their little piece of reality."

Through trial and error, something did click for Kenny – the rhythm and blues classic "Mustang Sally." After just a few notes, he began singing along perfectly. He was so good, in fact, that he eventually went on to win first place at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.

"The Creative Arts Festival is so emotional, so draining," says Anderson, who helps organize the event each year. "I continue to do it because it makes people feel so good. You can really see how it

reates sweet music at veterans hospital

helps patients. They'll tell you, 'It brought me out of my shell.'"

Like Harris, many of Anderson's patients have some form of dementia. "Some patients can't remember lunch or their wife's name, but they can remember a song. I help patients work toward goals, increase their self-esteem and accomplish something."

Lana Gillaspie takes piano lessons from Anderson in the hopes it will slow the progress of multiple sclerosis.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Gillaspie played the clarinet growing up and thought learning a new instrument would help her maintain mental and physical dexterity.

"Learning something new is good therapy," says Gillaspie, who began lessons in May. "I had never played the piano before. I practice at home. I come for my lesson once a week, and Suzanne is so patient."

For every breakthrough, there are those whose progress is quite slow. Anderson won't give up on them. "It might take months and months, but it's a big success when I can finally get someone to pick up some instrument and just play."

As the Knoxville facility's only music therapist, Anderson sees the majority of her patients in groups. Despite the successes of music therapists in treating physical and emotional illnesses, many VA hospitals across the nation lack music therapy programs. In fact, Anderson is one of only 50 music therapists working in VA hospitals nationwide and the only one in Iowa.

"We're so lucky to have a music therapist on staff," says Shelley Deskin, a recreational therapist at the Knoxville facility. "It makes a big difference in what we can do here."

Anderson and Deskin work together during recreation therapy sessions, using a keyboard, percussion instruments and storytelling to encourage group participation.

In another session with a different recreational therapist, Anderson offers participants the chance to sing their favorite songs with a karaoke machine. A man in a wheelchair belts out the words to the country song "Friends in Low Places," accenting the words with sharp jabs of his fingers. Another takes Anderson's hand and pulls her out into the center of the room to dance. She gladly joins him.

"Every day is different," Anderson says. "It's nice to have a job to come to every day where I enjoy what I'm doing."

What is music therapy?

Music therapy is the creative use of music, facilitated by a professionally trained music therapist, to bring about positive behavior changes for the rehabilitation, maintenance and improvement of mental and physical health. Research supports the therapeutic use of music as a tool and is recognized by an increasing amount of governmental legislation.

To become a music therapist, you must obtain a bachelor's degree from an American Music Therapy Association-approved program, is offered at 70 colleges and universities nationwide. Music therapists are certified by the Certification Board for Music Therapists. They are proficient on a variety of instruments, have knowledge of composition, music theory and history and are skilled at improvising, arranging and conducting music.

Music therapists work in a variety of environments, such as psychiatric hospitals, senior centers, Alzheimer's disease care units and in private practice.

For more information, go to the AMTA Web site at www.musictherapy.org.

Karris Golden

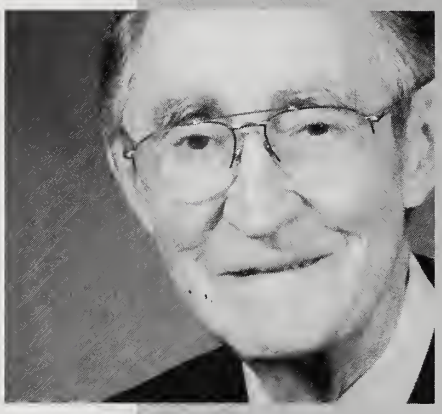
TUNING IN – Music therapist Suzanne Vlasek Anderson '92 leads a recreational therapy session for veterans with physical disabilities.

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival dates back to 1981. Hosted by Veterans Affairs medical centers throughout the country, the weeklong event takes place each fall and highlights selected veterans receiving care at one of the nation's VA facilities. Sponsors include the Department of Veterans Affairs, American Legion Auxiliary and Help Hospitalized Veterans.

All participants are first-place winners in a local competition in art, music, dance and drama. The national festival showcases the talents of more than 100 veterans and includes workshops and a stage show.

All year, VA facilities use creative arts therapy, such as music therapy, to help veterans recover from physical and emotional illnesses. The festival allows participants to proudly display their accomplishments and develop new skills while recognizing the progress and recoveries made through creative self-expression.



Professor's life work becomes Wartburg legacy

by Karris Golden '98

Newsman Grant Price has devoted his life to his family and to journalism.

These commitments made him a natural fit at Wartburg, where he has taught communication arts courses for the past 14 years.

After a few "false retirements," this is it. Price, professor emeritus of communication arts, will make the 2004-05 academic year his last.

In planning his retirement, Price was clear that he wanted no fanfare; he's had enough parties, he says. However, his farewell comes on the heels of his $2 million gift to the college, something that attracts a lot of attention.

Actually, the gift is about leaving a bit of himself and his late wife, Fadra, in the classroom.

"I have come to love this place," Price says. "I see value in what we've done in the communication arts department. The education our students get here makes their lives bloom."

An investment he made several years ago allowed Price to make this substantial gift. "It's marvelous to use resources in this way, and those resources will have a living outcome over who knows how many years to come. That gives me a great deal of satisfaction."

Over the years, Iowans welcomed Price into their homes as he became one of the state's most respected television newsmen. They grew to know him as a man of quiet dignity and fierce integrity. His students know him as an excellent, hands-on teacher and as a friend.

Above all, he has always been a journalist. He expected high quality work at the helm of some of the state's most prestigious broadcast newsrooms, and he held his students to the same standard.

Price followed an interesting path from cowboy to journalist. "In a sense, I have backed into a lot of things that have happened to me," he says.

Born Nov. 11, 1922, in Melville, Saskatchewan, Canada, Price's parents were farmers when everything was done with horsepower, not machinery. He attended a one-room schoolhouse, with the same teacher for eight grades. Before he entered high school, the Prices moved to north-central Nebraska.

"My dad got a job on a cattle ranch 20 miles south of Atkinson," he recalls.

It was 1936, and Price lived in town, attending high school in Atkinson. "I hated it," he says. "I wanted to be a cowboy."

Price did work on the 12,000-acre ranch during breaks from school. The ranch boasted 1,500 to 2,000 head of cattle and meant long days of hard work.

So he was a cowboy, but not the kind he aspired to become. Price longed to be like movie cowboys. "Working on the ranch wasn't riding the range, strapping on a six-gun and shooting up Atkinson on Saturday night," he says, laughing.

After graduating from high school in 1940, Price ditched everything but his cowboy boots. He enrolled at American University in Washington, D.C.

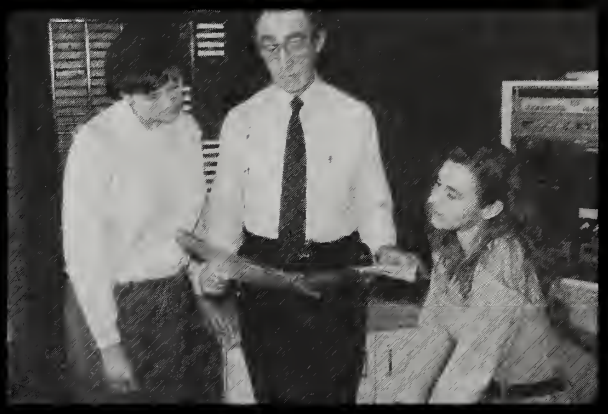
But the attack on Pearl Harbor made Price realize he would likely be drafted. He transferred to Morningside College in Sioux City to be closer to home.

Sioux City signaled his introduction to radio at KSCJ. "There was a habit of hiring student announcers to keep expenses down," he recalls. "Every morning, I'd get on the street car and ride through town with the meat packinghouse workers to sign on the station, then I'd go to classes. KSCJ was the lynchpin – that's what got me into broadcasting.

"That was a critical step for me. I had always had an interest in speech and debate, and radio was something that used those skills."

He finished the semester at Morningside before the Navy drafted him. He served in the South Pacific and returned to Sioux City after being discharged. He got a job as a night announcer at a radio station and re-enrolled at Morningside.

Soon after, he was offered the job of news director



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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES – Grant Price, professor emeritus of communication arts, made the transition from newsroom to classroom in the early 1990s (top photo). In his time at Wartburg, he witnessed the dedication of McElroy Communication Arts Center (second photo) and celebrated it with Vicki Edelnant, now director of the Pathways Center, and Robert Gremmels '52 (third photo). He was also instrumental in the installation and evolution of the department's broadcasting emphasis (bottom photo).

"I have come to love this place. I see value in what we've done in the communication arts department. The education our students get here makes their lives bloom."

– Grant Price

at KTRI Radio. "I knew I couldn't do that and go to class," Price explains. "I dropped out of college and became a one-man news team."

One year later, Price took a similar job at KXEL Radio in Waterloo, where he worked from 1948 to 1959. He saw the writing on the wall; television would eventually dominate broadcast news. With that in mind, he went to work for the WMT organization in Cedar Rapids as a desk reporter at the radio station.

"I did the morning news on the radio station, because at that time, there was the possibility that you could do something on the TV newscast, too," he says.

Eventually, Price was offered the job as news director at Channel 2 TV and Radio, which was then part of the WMT organization.

"I inherited a very strong news organization," he says. "We were the powerful news organization in the Waterloo, Cedar Rapids and Dubuque market."

In fall 1972, the Waterloo-based Black Hawk Broadcasting Co. offered Price a job as vice president of news and public affairs. In addition to KWWL-TV in Waterloo, the company owned TV stations in Sioux City and Austin, Minn., as well as radio stations in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Waterloo.

A sale to AFLAC's broadcast division in 1980 made Price vice president of news at KWWL. With AFLAC, the station grew to overwhelming ratings dominance, Price notes.

By 1989, Price was 67 years old and thought it was time to "clear out of the newsroom." He retired but remained a part-time consultant, doing editorials and the station's public affairs work.

A fortuitous lunch with former Wartburg Board of Regents Chairman Harry Slife and former Wartburg President Robert Vogel '56 brought Price to the college. "They were crazy enough to ask me to teach here," he quips.

Price established himself in Neumann House, the former communication arts building, with then department chair Robert Gremmels '52, now professor emeritus of journalism. Price taught a required course for broadcasting students. At that point radio was the college's only electronic journalism program.

Slife and Vogel believed Price could help the department move beyond its radio-only broadcasting emphasis. The R.J. McElroy Trust gave a major gift to install a TV studio and lab. Funds were used to equip the college's TV facilities and renovate the former Liemohn Hall music building into the McElroy Communication Arts Center.

"Liemohn Hall was ideally suited to be remodeled for our purposes," Price explains. "It gave our program a proper home. The TV emphasis became a real magnet for prospective students, and you can chart the program's growth from the addition of TV to the curriculum."

When Gremmels retired in 1993, Price cut ties with KWWL and became full-time department chair. In the late 1990s, he recruited broadcaster Liz Mathis, now anchorwoman at KCRG-TV9 in Cedar Rapids, to teach and co-chair the department. His extensive work for the Archives of Iowa Broadcasting helped make the Vogel Library the collection's permanent home.

"Grant Price is a true professional, friend and colleague," says Wartburg President

Photo Archives

Jack R. Ohle. "I enjoy talking with him in the hallways, the Den or in the communication arts offices and have appreciated his counsel, his suggestions or just the opportunity to talk.

He is a valued faculty member and has been a mentor to many Wartburg students. Despite his retirement, I am sure he will remain an inspiring presence on the campus."

Over the years, Price forged relationships with students in and outside the classroom. He appreciates the college's history and connections to Germany and has enjoyed learning about Wartburg's legacy.

"There is an ethos about this institution. That is something I respect, and I attach a real emotional connection to Wartburg," he says.

Despite his reluctance to fully retire in past years, he believes Fadra appreciated his work. "She valued the college, though not in the same way I did," he says. "She knew I wasn't the kind of guy who retires and follows his wife around, bothering her. She and I were partners, so in that sense, she made as big a contribution as I did."

Charitable Gift Annuity vehicle for Price's giving

In fall 2004, Grant Price approached Wartburg development staff members about including the college in his estate planning. An investment he had made many years earlier had greatly appreciated in value, and he wanted to investigate alternatives in planning how to make the best use of the funds.

Price had three goals in mind – providing for his family, making a significant gift to Wartburg and taking advantage of favorable tax strategies available for his circumstances. That began a discussion that included family members, his lawyer and development staff members. Price's family includes: daughter, Laurie Price Kemp, son-in-law, Christopher, and grandchildren Lucas and Sarah of St. Paul, Minn.; and daughter, Julie Price Barnd, son-in-law, Mark, and grandchildren Emily '06, Andrew and Matthew, of Marion.

After considering several variations, it was determined that a $2 million charitable gift annuity to Wartburg would be one of the pieces of the estate-planning puzzle. Price will receive a payout of 8.5 percent annually for life from the gift annuity.

Through his estate, the gift annuity will fund:

- the Grant L. Price Chair in Communication Arts;
- a significant addition to the endowment of the Archives of Iowa Broadcasting, housed at Wartburg;
- an addition to the Fadra F. Price Communication Arts Scholarship that honors his late wife;
- the establishment of the Grant L. Price Scholarship.

"Grant's astute investing and his desire to take advantage of available estate planning tools have enabled him to provide generously for his family and make a significant gift that will benefit Wartburg students for generations to come," said David Ostrander, vice president for institutional advancement. "Not only has he been a positive impact on hundreds of Wartburg students through his 14 years in the classroom, the provisions he has made with his estate plan will continue his impact into the future."

Telescope tracks minor planets, asteroids

by Sarah Guhl '06

A new telescope was added to the Platte Observatory in early September, made possible by a $100,000 gift from Steve Platte '69, a former science teacher and his wife Susan.

Penny Sund

SKY-WATCHER – Dr. Charles Figura, assistant professor of physics, demonstrates the new telescope at Platte Observatory.

Although Platte Observatory is located northwest of campus past Hertel Field, Platte can use the telescope via the Internet from his Arizona home.

The telescope is in its own building with a rollback roof at the observatory. Because it is permanently mounted, it doesn't have to be recalibrated each time it is used, like the other telescopes.

"We're very grateful to Mr. Platte," said Dr. Charles Figura, assistant professor of physics. "It's a fantastic resource. We've got five or six telescopes that stay in a building out there, and we take them out every night. The constant repositioning of those scopes is not so good for doing research."

The new telescope is used for deep sky and planetary imaging, said Figura. Viewers don't typically look through the telescope directly. Instead, the one-megapixel digital camera has the capabilities to take pictures, which appear on a computer screen on the ground.

Figura said the digital camera is much more precise than an average digital camera.

"We're looking for minor planets or asteroids and tracking them," Figura said. According to the observatory's Web site, the purpose is to track the asteroids in order to refine their orbits.

Advanced astrophysics students will use the telescope for research. Introductory astronomy classes will observe and study the results of the telescope as well.

The mathematics, computer science and physics department often schedules astronomy shows at the observatory for different organizations such as Girl Scout troops and kindergarten classes.

Guhl is a communication arts major from Des Moines.

Saemann Student Center open for outside events

Saemann Student Center is now available for special events, such as family reunions, meetings or receptions.

Recent expansion and renovation projects in the Student Center make it possible for you to host your event at the college. Among the facilities and amenities are McCaskey Lyceum, the Copy Center, Den-Rittersaal, the cafeteria, a full-service mailroom, McCoy Conference Rooms, Knights Ballroom and ample lounge space.

Dining Services also provides myriad meal options, from fully catered banquets to buffet-style dinners, and Wartburg is now capable of serving some alcoholic beverages at events.

The city of Waverly offers several churches, two golf courses, a swimming pool, bicycle and walking trails as well as several special events throughout the year.

In addition, the college also provides a variety of housing options for overnight events. For more information on hosting your event at Wartburg, call 319-352-8286 or go to www.wartburg.edu/studentcenter/facilities.html.

Campaign Wartburg 85% toward goal

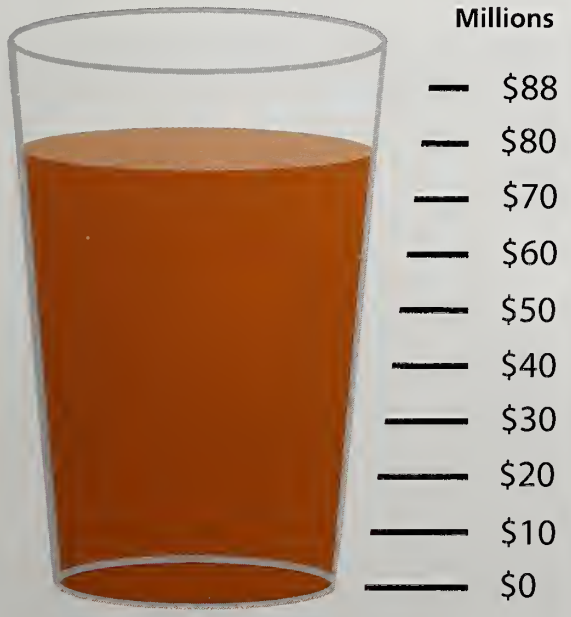
Campaign Wartburg continues its momentum, with gifts and pledges now totaling more than $76 million toward the $88 million goal.

"The Campaign has had a tremendous impact on the college," said David Ostrander, vice president for institutional advancement. "Gifts have already made possible the construction of several new buildings and increased the college's endowment for scholarships and other programs. Increased gifts to the operating budget have assured that a Wartburg education will remain affordable for current and future students."

Campaign Wartburg will close in 2006. With one year remaining, the college must raise $12 million to reach the goal. Every gift given to Wartburg in the coming months counts toward that goal.

"Support for the Annual Fund, Bibliophilanthropy Association, Booster Club, scholarships, building projects or any support of college programs makes a difference," said Ostrander. "New estate commitments and new memberships in the Heritage Society also apply toward Campaign Wartburg."

Those interested in making a gift to the Campaign should contact a Wartburg Development staff member at 319-352-8495.



Viewpoints from the Board of Regents

Raymond "Ray" McCaskey '65

Home: Palatine, Ill.
Hometown: Palatine, Ill.
Family: wife, Judy '65; daughter, Megan, an architect; son, Ryan, a chef
Profession: actuary, president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Texas and New Mexico
Education: Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics, Wartburg, 1965; Master of Science degree in mathematics, DePaul University, 1970; Society of Actuaries Fellow, 1976; Member, American Academy of Actuaries since 1979

Reconnecting with Wartburg

After graduation, I had a fair hiatus from the college. Judy and I attended a few reunions and made a modest contribution to the Annual Fund. Former Wartburg President Dr. Robert Vogel '56 visited us and discussed the possibility of serving the college as a member of the Board of Regents. We have been reconnected ever since.

Staying involved

I have served three three-year terms on the Board of Regents. In that time, I have been privileged to be involved in the process of bringing President Jack R. Ohle to Wartburg. Being on the Board has been a real learning experience for me. I hope I have made a contribution, too.

Sharing memories

Dr. Robert E. Lee, professor emetitus of music, was one of the reasons I came to Wartburg. His enthusiasm was contagious. As a student, there were times when I wondered if I should be majoring in music or math. In the end, math won out. Like many things, the value of having four very enjoyable years at Wartburg didn't sink in until years later. Math is very technical, but I had a broadening experience at Wartburg I may not have had otherwise. I really learned how to question things and how to think, more than learning specific knowledge. That was key piece of forming who I am today – building on my values system and making me more well-rounded.

Building a namesake

Through the Board of Regents, Judy and I were very aware of everything going on with Campaign Wartburg and the master plan. We knew we wanted to participate. As we looked at all the opportunities, the multipurpose performance space in Saemann Student Center held great appeal. We decided to make a major gift for what is now McCaskey Lyceum. We knew McCaskey Lyceum would get a lot of use and participation from the entire Wartburg family. Its location in a high-traffic area also increases its versatility and usage. It is a facility that fulfills a need not met anywhere else on campus. In addition to the McCaskey Lyceum, Judy and I are also building an endowment for the Judy and Ray McCaskey Elementary Education Scholarship.

Wartburg community members participate in mission dedication

by Alaina Akkerman '06

Students, faculty and staff participated in community events for the Central City Lutheran Mission in San Bernardino, Calif., in October.

Present for the activities were Dr. Janice Yee, professor of economics and co-director of Global and Multicultural Studies; Kathy Traetow, GMCS office coordinator; Kim Folkers, associate professor of marketing and co-director of GMCS; Dr. Peter Nash, visiting professor in religion; Dr. Fred Strickert, professor of religion and Slife Professor of Humanities; Dr. Edith Waldstein '73, vice president for enrollment management; and Al Buenning '64, senior development officer.

President Jack R. Ohle was also present and served as keynote speaker for the dedication of new CCLM facilities, collectively called Isaac's Place. Wartburg Hall, a residence hall for CCLM student interns and visitors to the mission, is one of two Isaac's Place facilities already completed. The other is the H Street Clinic, a multi-service community health center. Two facilities yet to be built include the Empowerment through Education Center and the Cultural Center.

"Wartburg College has a rich history of service-learning, and the experience our students have as interns at CCLM gives them the opportunity to integrate the theory and practice of servant-leadership," said Ohle at the dedication. "I am honored to be the keynote speaker for such an important event."

The events of the weekend focused on communication and literacy. Other activities included an Outfly event and visits from youth groups.

"CCLM has established an internship program for Wartburg students," said the Rev. David Kalke '70, CCLM executive director. "The program is designed to give specific, in-person and hands-on training in urban ministry. This event will highlight that program and also salute Wartburg College for its invaluable and ongoing support of this mission."

Boss presents at largest 'Godzilla' birthday event

Godzilla: He's a big, giant, mutated lizard beloved by millions as the subject of more than 20 films and scores of merchandise.

But does he have academic value?

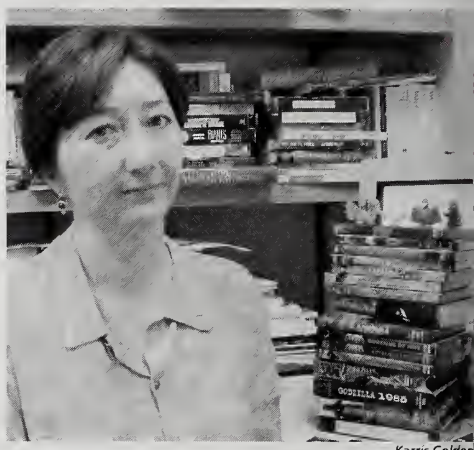
Absolutely, said Dr. Joyce Boss, associate professor of English and *Godzilla* authority. In October, Boss presented "Hybridity and Negotiated Identity in Japanese Popular Culture" at an academic conference devoted to deprogramming the *Godzilla* mystique.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the release of the first *Godzilla* film, the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Kansas-Lawrence hosted *In Godzilla's Footsteps: Japanese Pop Culture Icons on the Global Stage.*

The international conference was the largest celebration of *Godzilla's* 50th "birthday."

"I've always been a closet *Godzilla* fan," says Boss, whose academic interests include literature, film and popular culture. "The first *Godzilla* film was very serious in its themes and messages -- a commentary on the nuclear apocalypse of World War II – and that definitely merits attention."

On the surface, the conference may seem somewhat odd, but it's far from frivolous fandom, Boss notes. "All forms of popular culture say something about the mindset of a particular group of people," she explains. "Monsters always reveal our fears, and *Godzilla* was one of the most recognizable monsters of the 20th century."



Karris Golden

LIZARD SCHOLAR – Dr. Joyce Boss, associate professor of English, drew national media attention for her part in a conference honoring *Godzilla's* birthday.

More than just another pop culture icon, *Godzilla* can offer a glimpse into real human emotions, Boss adds. "While subsequent *Godzilla* films are fun, the first one tells us that nuclear anxiety was obviously a real concern for Japanese people 50 years ago."

Boss' parents met in Japan following World War II. Her Japanese mother and American father married, and the family lived in Japan before moving to the United States. Because of her cultural background, Boss has a personal and academic interest in how the U.S. military is portrayed in films.

"I'm a 'military brat,' and that spectre of military presence in *Godzilla* fascinates me," she says. "The recurrent image of the U.S. military is significant in Japanese films from that era. The anxiety about the country's relationship with the U.S. military and the controversies surrounding that issue are quite evident in the first film."

What are you reading?

I am a fan of the humorous science fiction writer, Terry Pratchett. I quote one of his books in the signature line of my e-mail: "Someone out there was about to find that their worst nightmare was a maddened librarian." I recently read *Small Gods* from Pratchett's *Discworld Series.* I appreciate Pratchett's command of the language. If you like P.G. Wodehouse, you will like Pratchett. The approach of *Lord of the Rings* meets *Monty Python* appeals to my sense of humor. Plus he has the greatest librarian character in literature: an orangutan.

– Randall Schroeder '82, information literacy librarian

Strickert, Bouzard contribute to 'NOVA' special

Two religion professors contributed to archeological work that was featured on the PBS *NOVA* series in November.

The episode focused on archeological excavations at the Cave of Letters near the Dead Sea, south of Jerusalem. First excavated in 1960 and 1961 by renowned Israeli archeologist Dr. Yigael Yadin, the remoteness of the site contributed to a gap in excavation until it was revisited by Western scholars in 2000 and 2001.

The Rev. Dr. Fred Strickert and the Rev. Dr. Walter "Chip" Bouzard were among the scholars assembled for those excavations. Strickert and Bouzard also taught a Wartburg May Term course involving excavations at Bethsaida and the Cave of Letters.

Based on the recent excavations, archeologists now believe the Cave of Letters may be connected to the Dead Sea Scrolls and the first and second Jewish rebellions against the Romans. Work done by Strickert and Bouzard may support these assertions.

Strickert was invited to the 2000 and 2001 Cave of Letters excavations because of his role in uncovering the remnants of the ancient city of Bethsaida. Over the years, he has become known as an expert in ancient coins. When coins were found in the Cave of Letters, Strickert helped the excavation team contextualize the items and write detailed reports. He is featured briefly in the *NOVA* special.

Bouzard, a leading scholar of the book of Psalms, decoded part of an important sefer, or book, from the Cave of Letters. His findings may help prove that the fragment was part of a larger text from the Temple at Jerusalem. Bouzard's paper on the topic, "The Date of the Psalms Scroll from the Cave of Letters Reconsidered," asserts that the full cave manuscript originally included as many as 30 psalms from first century Jerusalem.

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DIGGING DEEP – The Rev. Dr. Fred Strickert, professor of religion, left, and the Rev. Dr. Walter "Chip" Bouzard, associate professor of religion, hold up the remnants of a 2,000-year-old shirt found during an excavation of the Cave of Letters.

Social Work Club receives governor's award

Courtesy Photo

HONORED – Members of the Social Work Club received the governor's award. Those pictured include, from left: Abby Schaller '06 of Burnsville, Minn.; Stephanie Schwartz '05 of Greenfield; Wartburg President Jack R. Ohle; Beth Schnebbe '05 of Williamsburg; Gov. Tom Vilsack; Dr. Susan Kosche Vallem '66, chair of the social work department; and Julie Moeller '05 of New Berlin, Wis.

The Wartburg Social Work Club received an Above and Beyond Award from Gov. Tom Vilsack in December.

The award is given to groups and individuals who have made an outstanding difference in the lives of Iowa children in the areas of critical and emergency services and juvenile justice. Award winners are nominated on the basis of going "above and beyond" ordinary actions and have made exceptional, positive differences in the lives of Iowa children in the area of healthcare.

The Social Work Club received the honor for its organization of Holiday Shoppe, an annual event to raise funds for families on public assistance in Bremer County. Money raised is used to buy toys, bicycles, clothing and toiletry items. Families are then invited to "shop" for gifts for their families.

Worth Repeating

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Kayla Becker

CRUISIN' – Students who major in the sciences rode a bicycle built for eight in the Homecoming 2004 parade, demonstrating that they were "Pulling Together in the Science Center." They are (from left): Ann Calhoun '05 of Lockridge, a biology major; Justin Harken '07 of Grundy Center, biology; Ben Brady '05 of Edgewood, computer science; John Welch '08 of Shellsburg, chemistry; Annina Rupe '07 of Davenport, biochemistry; Liz Thoma '05 of Durant, engineering; Ashley Jessick '06 of Omaha, Neb., chemistry; and Angie Kohlhaas '05 of Algona, mathematics.

You don't have to look to Chicago or Minneapolis to find arts and entertainment. There's something here for everybody.

– Sarah Albertson '98 of Cedar Falls, speaking about the Cedar Valley in the Fall 2004 *Cedar Valley In Business*. She was one of "20 (People) Under 40" selected by the publication as up-and-coming young community leaders.

Martin Luther King Jr. transformed America. We're better people because Dr. King walked among us. Our country and our state are stronger because of him.

– Iowa Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson, speaking at the Martin Luther King Day chapel Jan. 17

You're tall and your
wife is well heeled.
But, Kerry, your fate may
be sealed.
You once had it all,
Then fumbled the ball
On the goal line of (gulp)
'Lambert' Field

– Robert Gremmels '52, professor emeritus of journalism, chiding John Kerry mistakenly saying "Lambert Field" (instead of Lambeau) in one of several fall political limericks that won Gremmels a free lunch from Scott Cawelti, *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* columnist

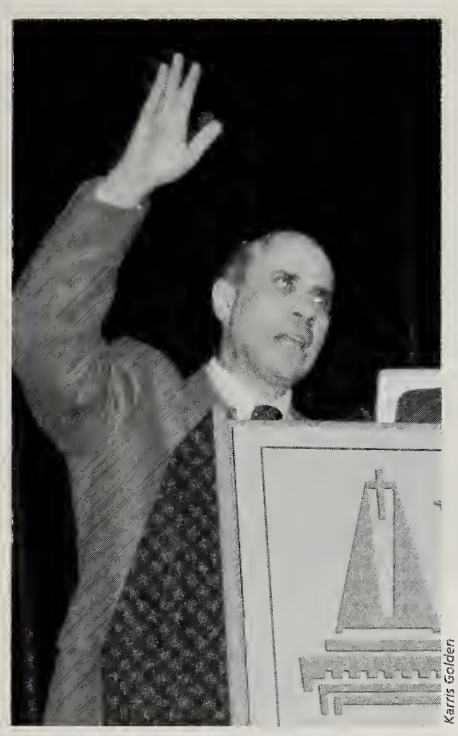
Karris Golden

Every day, a child in Iowa dies before his or her first birthday. My interest is in taking these depressing statistics and using them to raise the consciousness of Northeast Iowans so that citizens there might rekindle their effort to address what can be done to improve the conditions of the children in their communities, their county and the region.

– Renowned children's advocate Lillian "Billie" Maguire, who visited campus as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow in January. Her husband, John, joined her as a fellow in residency.

In 1961, I was in Montgomery, Ala., on the Freedom Ride with Martin Luther King, and we were arrested. I served jail time in my own hometown. We elected to stay in the Montgomery jail for four days rather than pay a bail bondsman.

– **Dr. John Maguire, longtime university president and close friend of King, who visited campus as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow Jan. 24-28. His wife, Lillian, joined him as a fellow in residency.**



Karris Golden

I have 120 track kids, and I'm not coaching them just to win the long jump or the 100 meters. I'm coaching them to persevere. This is what God has called me to do.

– **Marcus Newsom, Wartburg track coach, in the Fall 2004 *Cedar Valley In Business.* He was one of "20 (People) Under 40" selected by the publication as up-and-coming young community leaders.**

Nothing great has ever been accomplished without courage.

– **Author and scientist Dr. Robert Zubrin, outspoken proponent of Mars exploration and colonization, speaking at convocation Nov. 2.**

CONNECTIONS – As a foreign exchange student 35 years ago, Mark Lehmann '74 lived with the family of Gertrud Gruebel in Fuerth, Germany, near Nuremberg. Years later, on a visit to Waverly, Gertrud discovered another connection: Wilhelm Löhe, her great-grandmother's brother, was instrumental in the founding of Wartburg College. When Mark took his Waverly-Shell Rock High School Chamber Choir to England and France last summer, he and his family stayed on for a visit to Fuerth, where this statue of Wilhelm Löhe stands in front of St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church. From left are Erik, Mark and Kirk Lehmann and Gertrud Greubel.

Courtesy Photo

The Hub houses campus groups

by Tina Hinz '06
reprinted from the Trumpet

The name "Hub," defined as the center of an activity or interest, will be just that for all students in its Saemann Student Center location.

Planning for The Hub has been in the works for three to four years. Now open for student use, it features a common area with couches and tables as well as four computers.

"We're trying to create an environment for all students to have a spot – a place to call home – to do their work," said Sarah Glascock, director of campus programming.

The Hub also houses offices for the "Big Six" campus organizations: Black Student Union, Campus Ministry, Entertainment ToKnight (ETK), International Club, Student Senate and Volunteer Action Center. These organizations have scheduled office hours and are considered the most active of the 40 registered on campus, Glascock said.

Any known organizational activity is posted on a calendar in the commons area of The Hub. A conference room is available for student group meetings. Groups can sign up on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We're not quite where we want to be in terms of impact, visual and detail, but we'll get there," said Dr. Lex Smith, vice president for student life and dean of students. "Right now we're looking at what are some of the small things we need to make it a more functional facility."

Hinz is a communication arts major from Waterloo. She is the Trumpet *news editor.*

Wartburg rich in diaconal ministers

At least 10 percent of the diaconal ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American have Wartburg ties.

Diaconal ministers are called to a lay ministry of Word and Service. After completing rigorous training and the candidacy process, consecration is the rite by which a person becomes rostered as a diaconal minister in the ELCA.

Courtesy Photos

HANDS ON – Far left: In January, Jessica Nipp '98 was consecrated as a diaconal minister by the Rev. Steven Ullestad '75, bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod, with the Rev. Larry Trachte '66, college pastor, assisting. During the ceremony, other diaconal ministers laid on hands. Left: Nipp posed for a photo with Ullestad after the consecration ceremony.

"Diaconal ministers are consecrated for service in ministries at the intersection of church and the world," explained the Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, chair of the religion and philosophy department. "They work to seek wholeness in the world and to help the people of God to live out the Gospel. They are committed to alerting the church to the needs of the world. Diaconal ministers serve through agencies, institutions and traditional church programs as they build bridges between the church and the world."

Among the diaconal ministers the college's religion and philosophy department is aware of are Melissa James '02, a program associate for Wartburg's *Discovering and Claiming Our Callings* initiative who was consecrated in November; Joanna Otte '98, who serves as coordinator of Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Chicago; Jessica Nipp '98, a resource person at the ELCA Center in Wittenberg, Germany, who was consecrated in January; and Gloria Strickert, who serves as a chaplain at Allen Hospital in Waterloo and is married to the Rev. Dr. Fred Strickert, professor of religion. Others are Dr. Lake Lambert, who directs the *Discovering and Claiming Our Callings* initiative and is associate professor of religion and philosophy and Regents Chair in Ethics; Karla Neumann '94, Lutheran campus minister in Moscow, Idaho; and David Glover '88, who serves at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Lisa Hassenstab '99 of Chicago and Kirsten Nelson '01 of Indian Hills, Colo., are in the candidacy process.

"We'd be interested in hearing from any other diaconal ministers we may not be aware of," Kleinhans said. Contact kathryn.kleinhans@wartburg.edu. You can also update your information by e-mailing alumni@wartburg.edu or returning the form in the back of the magazine.

Recent graduates give year of service

Five alumnae joined the ranks of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps for the 2004-05 program year.

The Lutheran Volunteer Corps is a one-year, full-time domestic service program in which volunteers work for underserved nonprofit agencies across the country. LVC offers a year of exploring their spirituality while working for social justice, living intentionally in the community and simplifying their lifestyles.

After orientation, Liz Heuer '04, Lonna Field '04, Victoria Bahe '04, Dana Isaacson '03 and Beth Staniforth '04 were assigned to projects.

Liz is now in Baltimore, Md., at Project PLASE, an agency that addresses homelessness through providing transitional housing and a continuum of related services.

In Minneapolis, Minn., Lonna coordinates the Redeemer Center for Life's Kids Café, which serves meals to neighborhood kids after school.

Starting her second year with LVC in Minneapolis, Dana has continued on at Trinity Lutheran Church, where she coordinates community outreach programs for neighborhood youth.

Courtesy Photo

IN SERVICE – (From left) Victoria Bahe '04, Liz Heuer '04, Beth Staniforth '04 and Lonna Field '04 postponed their careers to work for Lutheran Volunteer Corps. (Not pictured: Dana Isaacson '03)

Victoria was placed with the Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee, Wis., where she provides environmental education to school groups and others from the region.

Beth now lives in Seattle, Wash. She works in the Candle-Making Workshop at L'Arche Noah Sealth, which is part of the L'Arche network of communities for developmentally disabled adults and their assistants. Beth also lives in the largest LVC community with six other volunteers.

The LVC volunteers are among many Wartburg graduates on staff at service and advocacy agencies coast to coast.

For more information on Lutheran Volunteer Corps, contact 202-387-3222, staff@lvchome.org, or http://www.lvchome.org.

Willis adds athletic director duties to head football position

Rick Willis

Head football coach Rick Willis assumed the duties of athletic director on an interim basis Jan. 1. He will continue as the Knights' head coach.

Willis took over for Gary Grace, now vice president for administration. President Jack R. Ohle said the college will re-evaluate the athletic director position at a later date and determine a permanent replacement.

Senior punter continues football academic streak

Mark Giesmann

Punter Mark Giesmann '05 of Waverly was named to the first team of the *ESPN the Magazine* college division Academic All-America® Football Team Dec. 1, as selected by College Sports Information Directors of America. Giesmann is the school's 58th academic All-American since 1970 and 41st since 1990.

Giesmann, a two-time academic All-American, is a math and engineering double major with a 3.91 grade point average. His selection continues a string of seven straight seasons where at least one Wartburg football player has earned first or second team academic All-American honors.

Soccer programs boast record-setting seasons

Wartburg joined the most improved men's and women's soccer programs in NCAA Division III last fall.

The men gained their second consecutive Iowa Conference tournament title and the program's first league championship. The Knights moved through the national tournament to the Elite Eight, where Messiah College of Grantham, Pa., netted a pair of goals in the first half for a 2-0 victory.

Head coach Jim Conlon's women were just as impressive. The Knights reeled in 16 wins and won the program's first home postseason conference tournament match.

AWARDS

All-American – Verne Houston '05, Omaha, Neb.; Collin Lane '05, Muscatine
All-region – Houston; Lane
All-conference – First team men: Houston; Lane; Harrison Kibombo-Lugujjo '07, Uganda. Second team men: Zach Prieve '06, Lodi, Wis.; Kirk Artist '06, Glenwood; Scott Hill '06, Mundelein, Ill.
First team women: Katie Rapp '05, Bettendorf. Second team women: Kristin Beck '07, Bettendorf; Tiffany Treanor '05, Dubuque; Michelle Bethel '06, Wichita, Kan.
IIAC Player of Year – Kibombo-Lugujjo, men
IIAC Coach of the Year – Jim Conlon, men
Academic all-district – Houston
Academic all-conference – Men: Nick Wuertz '06, Waverly; Seth Rowland '05, Des Moines; Jason Welstead '07, Elkhorn, Neb.; Ian MacNaughton '05, Kingswood, Texas
Women: Beck; Bethel; Annie Fox '05, Fairfax; Cali Cook '07, Arvada, Colo.; Jessica Pfeiffer '06, Ames; Katie Morgart '05, Waterloo

Volunteers sought for national outdoor track championships

WARTBURG COLLEGE NCAA TRACK & FIELD DIVISION III MEN'S & WOMEN'S OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS MAY 26-27-28 2005

Volunteers are needed for the NCAA Division III 2005 Track and Field National Championships at Wartburg May 26-28.

Duties include marshalling, apparel sales, concessions and event work from Thursday, May 26, through Saturday, May 28.

Volunteers can register online at http://www.go-knights.net/ncaatrack/volunteer.html or e-mail james.conlon@wartburg.edu.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Knights conclude year at .500

Kelli Mullen '05 of La Porte City and the doubles team of Sara Kammerer '05 of Albert Lea, Minn., and Jodie Pearson '07 of Davenport took top-four finishes for Wartburg at the 2004 Iowa Conference Championships, concluding a year where the team ended 5-5 in dual competition.

Mullen reached the finals at No. 6 singles, placing second. Kammerer and Pearson battled through their portion of the No. 1 doubles draw for fourth place.

AWARDS

All-Conference – Mullen
Academic all-conference – Mullen; Pearson; Kristen Nelson '05, Grundy Center

WOMEN'S GOLF

First conference championship concludes banner year

The Wartburg women's golf team won the program's first IIAC title last fall.

The Knights ended the four-round Iowa Conference meet with a 1290. They defeated the rest of the field by 30 strokes behind a tourney-low final round total of 317 at Ellis Park Golf Course in Cedar Rapids.

Four individuals, the most in one season for the Knights, claimed all-league honors: Andrea Schiltz '07 of Algona (second), Erin Dohlman '06 of LeRoy, Minn. (third), Megan Cress '07 of Center Point (seventh), and Brooke Davis '08 of Maquoketa (10th).

AWARDS

All-conference – Cress; Davis; Dohlman; Schiltz
Academic all-conference – Schiltz; Breanne Pleggenkuhle '06, Clear Lake; Lindsey Huinker '06, Lawler

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Conference championship string reaches 3

The Wartburg football team, tied for fourth in the Iowa Conference championship at one point in the season, battled back to earn the program's third consecutive and 10th league title.

A 34-27 decision at Coe and a 14-10 thriller at Central keyed a four-game win string that resulted in a piece of the IIAC championship.

AWARDS

All-American – Brian McIntire '05, Clear Lake
All-region – McIntire; Andy Heitman '05, Marengo; Noah Junge '06, Van Horne
All-conference – First team: Heitman, Junge, McIntire. Second team: Chris Winter '05, New Hampton; Dan Hammes '07, Sigourney; Tom Power '06, Eldridge; Alex Pollock '06, Parkersburg
Academic All-American – Mark Giesmann '05, Waverly
Academic all-district – Giesmann; Mike Bouska '05, Dunkerton
Academic all-conference – Bouska; Giesmann; Andy Kruse '06, Tipton; Nick Noble '07, Riceville

VOLLEYBALL

Knights finish second in IIAC

Head coach Jennifer Walker became the winningest volleyball coach in college history as the Knights achieved the program's 500th win in 2004. Wartburg finished the season 18-19 for second place in the Iowa Conference.

AWARDS

AVCA Region Freshman of Year – Ashley Rogers '08, Dubuque
All-conference – Rogers; Sheena Treanor '07, Dubuque; Ranae Grafft '05, Osage
Academic all-district – Sarah Olsen '05, Osage
Academic all-conference – Olsen; Erica Slack '05, Tripoli; Tracy Bjoin '07, Burnsville, Minn.

Mark Adkins

WHAT A START – Missy Buttry '05 of Shenandoah opened her final season in indoor track and field by setting a school and meet record in the 3,000 meters at the Iowa State Cyclone Open Jan. 29.

Darren Miller '89

Wartburg wrestler study in perseverance

by Jim Nelson

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Wartburg 184-pound wrestler Scott Kauffman '06, who will turn 26 in May, is a true nontraditional student-athlete.

However, his plans didn't start out that way. Kauffman ruled the Iowa prep wrestling scene in the late 1990s. He was a four-time state place-winner, never finishing lower than third and capping his career with a 42-0 state championship senior season.

Twice, he finished in the top four at the Junior National Freestyle championships, and Kauffman was named an Amateur Wrestling News prep all-American in 1998. The University of Iowa was an obvious choice for the prep standout from Emmetsburg.

As easy as it had been in high school, Kauffman never expected it to be so difficult in college. After 2½ seasons as a Hawkeye – one as a redshirt – Kauffman quit.

"I guess ... I don't know what happened," said Kauffman. "Maybe it was I had to find out a little bit more of who I was. Maybe it was simple frustrations of being one of the best guys in the state and finding out you are at the bottom of the totem pole when you get there.

"I really didn't handle it well. I had always been on top in the practice room and at meets. It really frustrated me and then wore on me."

As the frustrations mounted, Kauffman made questionable decisions out of the practice room. Downtown Iowa City and its vices became a place to mask those frustrations.

His life started to spiral out of control, and finally Kauffman gave up on wrestling. After competing the first semester of the 2000-01 season, he left Iowa. Kauffman returned home to Emmetsburg for a short period before returning to Iowa City, where he worked odd jobs.

During the 2001-02 season, he started coaching wrestling at Iowa City-Regina with John Strittmatter. As time passed, Kauffman started to get his life in order. His competitive drive began to return and one day he was resting on the Regina practice room floor reading *The Predicament.*

"I see Sonny Alvarez's name, and he's ranked No. 2 in the nation in Division III," said Kauffman. "Sonny was a guy I wrestled in high school and beat at the state tournament. I thought, here is a guy living his dream and doing it his way.

"I thought, why can't I do that? It really began to hit me that I didn't want to be 65 one day sitting with my buddies and say I still have two years left. I didn't want to live with that hanging over me."

With his life heading back in the right direction, Kauffman began setting in motion his return to competitive wrestling.

He contacted one of his confidants – Waverly-Shell Rock head wrestling coach Rick Caldwell – whom Kauffman got to know during Caldwell's days as the Ames High head coach.

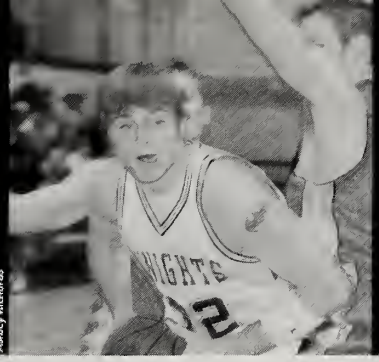
"I called Coach Caldwell one night to discuss team and stuff like that," said Kauffman. "He kind of listened, listened and listened, and he didn't really give me any feedback when I was done whining.

"Finally, he said, 'When are you going to start wrestling again Scott?' I told him I thought about it every day."

It was at that time Kauffman got Wartburg wrestling coach Jim Miller's phone number. Several former Emmetsburg wrestlers were at Wartburg – including Paul Reedy '07, Mark Sturm '05 and Ryan Sturm '05.

After hearing the right things from Kauffman, Miller welcomed him.

"He asked me what was my No. 1 goal if I came to Wartburg," said Kauffman. "I said, 'To



Ashley Richards

SQUARING UP – Women's basketball forward Megan Hendricks '08 of Clear Lake moves in for a lay-up in a January game at Cornell.

IN THE PAINT – Cassidy Peterson '06 of Palatine, Ill., battles against a Simpson defender for two points in January men's basketball action.

Molly Richards

WORKING HIM OVER – Scott Kauffman '06 of Emmetsburg drives an opponent down for two points.

get a degree.' I told him wrestling can come second, because there was a chance I wouldn't have been granted my eligibility back.

"Getting a degree was my priority. I worked enough odd jobs in Iowa City where I saw 40-year old men who looked 60. I didn't want to be one of those guys."

Added Miller, "He expressed a desire to become a teacher and a coach. I felt given the opportunity to earn a degree, even if nothing happened with wrestling, it would be a plus for him."

He was slated to return at the break this year and provide competition in the room for both Ryan Sturm '05 and Akeem Carter '06. But Sturm suffered an arm injury in the offseason causing him to miss the entire season, giving Kauffman an immediate chance to make an impact.

His first action was at the Desert Duals in Las Vegas, where he won all four of his matches, including a 7-2 victory over Division III's top-ranked Matt Sassolino of Elmhurst College.

"I can't remember the last time I was this happy with all aspects of my life – job, family and school," said Kauffman. "My parents have been supportive. My family outside of my parents has been really supportive in helping me get back into school. I have a lot of people to be thankful for."

There is little free time in Kauffman's life. He continues to work at least 20 hours a week for Cardinal Construction of Waterloo. In addition, he takes a full load of courses, and when he's not working, taking class or studying, he wrestles.

"Without Cardinal this thing may not have fallen the way it did," said Kauffman. "I love getting up and going to work with a great bunch of guys."

Miller and Caldwell are two of many supporters who are happy to see Kauffman succeeding.

"He has done a 180 from where he was a few years ago," said Caldwell who coached Kauffman during the summer freestyle competitions. "It was not like he was a bad person in any way, but he really is on track now, and things are going great for him."

Miller said Kauffman has made a bigger impact on Wartburg's program than what occurs on the mat.

"You never know how something like this is going to turn out, but Scott has been a pleasant surprise," said Miller. "He is a good leader and a very common-sense guy.

"He knows what happens when you don't make the right decisions in life, and he's passed on what he has learned to our guys."

Kauffman concluded his junior season with a 25-3 record and NCAA Division III All-American honors, placing fifth at the national championships in March.

SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Buttry, Moen make more history

Missy Buttry '05 of Shenandoah and Josh Moen '05 of Fairbank added to their growing list of accomplishments during the 2004 cross country campaign.

Buttry became the first woman in any NCAA division to win three individual national championships.

Moen earned his second straight national title, becoming the third man in Division III to win consecutive championships. He finished the course 13 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

AWARDS

All-American – Buttry; Moen

All-conference – Men: Moen, Keith Solverson '06, Fort Dodge; Cody Solverson '07, Fort Dodge; Ben Carlson '06, Stanhope; Patrick Johnson '07, Story City; Danny Corken '07, Dubuque; Kevin Balster '07, Monticello

Women: Buttry; Jill Wagaman '07, Dysart; Sara Eppley '08, Charles City; Brooke Ferguson '05, Laurens; Brieann Reedy '08, Emmetsburg

IIAC Coach of the Year – Steve Johnson, men

Academic all-conference – Men: Balster; Carlson; Matt Hoodjer '06, Clarksville; Matt Popowski '07, Garner

Women: Jannae Holubar '05, Marshalltown; Beth Neal '05, Williamsburg; Jill Robertson '06, Davenport

WRESTLING

Knights end 2nd at national meet

For the 11th time in 13 years, Wartburg brought home a top-two NCAA Division III trophy.

The Knights held off Luther 104.5-100 for the second spot behind national champion Augsburg College March 5 at St. Olaf College. Dustin Hinschberger '06 of Belle Plaine and Akeem Carter '06 of Waterloo were the 21st and 22nd individual national championships in school history.

AWARDS

All-American – Carter; Blake Gillis '07, Spencer; Hinschberger; Tyler Hubbard '06, Blue Springs, Mo.; Scott Kauffman '06, Emmetsburg; Justin McClintock '05, Fort Dodge; Jacob Naig '08, Emmetsburg

NWCA Scholar All-American – Brandon Brissette '05, Bay City, Mich.; Mark Sturm '05, Armstrong

Academic all-conference – Brian Borchers '07, Holstein

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

1942

The Rev. KARL U. and LEOTA FINK '41 LANDGREBE, Tinley Park, Ill., celebrated the 60th anniversaries of their wedding and Karl's ordination in September. Karl was ordained at Zion Lutheran Church-Readlyn, the church of his father, the Rev. Adolf H. Landgrebe '08 (Clinton). The Landgrebes were married at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fulda, Minn., where Leota's father, the Rev. Carl G. Fink '17 (Eureka) was pastor. Karl serves as a supply minister for suburban south Chicago congregations. Their family includes daughter and son-in-law Susan '69 and Douglas Peterson; daughter Joan Landgrebe Kudla '71; and son and daughter-in-law Timothy '74 and Dorothy Landgrebe.

1955

Homecoming Reunion, Oct. 13-16

CARL VOLKMANN, Springfield, Ill., received the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award from the Illinois Humanities Council. He was honored for 40 years of service as an educator, librarian and community volunteer.

1958

MARSHA ARHART WILLIAMS, Atoka, Tenn., was honored for 40 years of service to Rhodes College. She is an administrative assistant in the communications and college events office.

1963

DARRELL JOBMAN, Kenosha, Wis., is editor of *MarketAces.com*, an online magazine that provides commentary and analysis on stocks, futures and options. An acknowledged authority on derivative markets, he contributes to a quarterly special section on the futures market for *Investors Business Daily*. He has written or ghostwritten several books, including *The Handbook of Technical Analysis*.

1964

Dr. LEROY W. SCHROEDER, Clarksburg, Md., is the lead author of Chapter 8, "Standards, Quality Control Testing, Virus Penetration, and Glove Durability," in the book, *Protective Gloves for Occupational Use*, edited by Anders Boman, et. al.

1965

Homecoming Reunion, Oct. 13-16

PAM SANDROCK DANNENBERG, San Francisco, Calif., is a registered nurse, certified occupational health nurse and certified associate ergonomist. An occupational health professional for 19 years, she now specializes in safety and health consultant work, helping health professionals learn how to work safely and comfortably.

1966

FRED HOLZRICHTER, Joliet, Ill., is the development director at the American College of Surgeons, Chicago. His wife, MARGARET BOICOURT '67 HOLZRICHTER, teaches at Gompers Junior High School.

1968

JIM COCKEFAIR, Paramus, N.J., has retired after 26 years with JPMorgan Chase. After holding a variety of management positions, he retired as vice president for transportation and logistics. He plans to do part-time consulting and travel with his wife, Dottie.

1970

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The Rev. RUSS CREYDT, Lodi, Calif., is interim pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church. His wife is DANA GROVE CREYDT.

Erica Mantemach '05

Alumna finds purpose, calling at Wartburg

by Kayla Becker '08

When Wilma Burrack Koob '38 attended the Heritage Club dinner at Homecoming 2004, it was her first time back on campus in many years.

"I was fortunate to return to Wartburg this fall," says Koob, who lives in Monticello. "Here I spent two precious and wonderful years of my life. Here I learned about myself and about one's role in life."

Koob was an experienced country school teacher by the time she arrived at Wartburg in 1936. By 1932, she was 17 and had graduated from Hopkinton High School and earned a teaching certificate at Lenox College, both located on the same campus.

At 18, Koob began teaching in a country school outside Monticello. "That was the horrible winter of 1935-36," she recalls. "I vowed I would never teach in a country school again."

The following spring, she gave her parents an ultimatum: "I was not teaching again in a rural school, and I wanted to complete my final two years of college at Wartburg."

Her goal was to become a high school teacher. "My parents were poor," she explains. "And in 1936, women did not attend colleges."

Yet her parents agreed, convinced in part by a visit from a Wartburg student.

"This was the best thing that ever happened to me," she says of Wartburg. "I arrived at Wartburg in the fall of 1936, a shy and lost creature. I had never been away from home before, and I was frightened."

The first year was a learning process. Despite having no vocal training, she joined the Wartburg Chorus. She also worked in the Wartburg Hall office for 10 cents per hour.

During Koob's second and final year at Wartburg, she fell ill and missed two months of classes. With help from professors, she graduated on time, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and home economics.

Koob went on to teach high school English and home economics for 40 years. During that time, she married and had two children. Following her husband's death, she returned to college and earned a degree in library science from the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

In 1968, she returned to Wartburg for her 30th class reunion and renewed friendships with several classmates, including Henry Koob '38, whom she married in 1970. Henry continued teaching in Maquoketa, and Wilma kept her job in Monticello. After they retired, they enjoyed traveling and visited Wartburg several times before Henry died in 1998.

Koob also established the library at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Monticello, where she has served as librarian for 25 years.

"God has placed us on this earth for a purpose," she says. "Finding out what that purpose is can be a challenge and difficult. I'm hoping in my lifetime I have been able to help someone in some small way with their struggles."

Becker is an English major from Jesup.

A special summer program for Wartburg alumni and their children

College Admissions 101

July 15–16, 2005

Friday noon–Saturday noon

Co-sponsored by Alumni and Parent Programs and the Admissions Office

Visit campus this summer and let us help you prepare for the college admissions process. This two-day event will offer:

- **Insights from Wartburg admissions experts** relevant to wherever the college search leads your student
- **A chance to begin thinking seriously** about college plans
- **An opportunity to reacquaint yourself** with the "college of your brightest days"
- **Candid visits with college administrators** about the admissions process, financial aid and campus life
- **The experience of living in a campus residence hall**
- **Conversations with Wartburg faculty and students** about the academic expectations of college and campus life
- **Plenty of free time** to explore Waverly's golf courses, ride the Rail Trail bicycle route or experience Waverly's Heritage Days

Speakers include **Dr. William Hamm '66,** president of the Foundation for Independent Higher Education; former high school English teacher Matt Pries '95, director of Saemann Student Center; College Planning Board of Des Moines; a representative of the Wartburg Pathways Center; and a panel of students.

Dr. William Hamm

This two-day experience costs $50 per family and includes: three meals in Saemann Student Center and lodging at Knights Village, a group of air-conditioned townhouses that offer kitchenettes. For more information, contact Heidi Pries at 800-772-2085, extension 8264, or heidi.pries@wartburg.edu. Registration must be made by July 8.

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Chicago, Ill.			

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First-year students with alumni parents

1962		
Datlene (Petrek) Wiedman	Heather	Littleton, Colo.
1965		
Anne (Ager) Boerschel	Derrin	Shell Rock
1970		
James Barkema	Amanda	Muscatine
Barbara (Home) and Stephen Becker '72	Daniel	Grand Island, Neb.
1973		
Mary (Engelhardt) Chappell	Christopher	McGregor
1974		
Richard Erbes	Taylor Olson	Estherville
James and Sheryl (Buecksler) Moeller	Anna	Denver
Larry Nelson	Laura	Newton
James Nieman	Kelsey	Shell Rock,
V. Peter Pitts	Corbin	Oswego, Ill.
1975		
Charles Kuester	Katy	Royal
Carolyn Becker Myles	Blayne	APO, AP
Mark and Constance (Larson) Schlange	Steven	Bellevue, Neb.
1976		
Steven Meyer	Katrina	Holmen, Wis.
Mark Urlaub	Rebecca	Vinton
1977		
Julie (Springer) Burkey	Kristin	Fredericksburg
Carl '78 and Renee (Ward) Cheeseman	Matthew	Reinbeck,
Nancy (Pleggenkuhle) Engh	Ellen and Elliot	Kanawha,
Randall and Jo (Bahlmann) Groth	Malinda	Plainfield
Daniel Hanson	Heather	Forest City
Steven and Bonnie (Berg) Nielsen	Brooke	Cedar Rapids
Ruth (Witte) Scholze	Hannah	Holmen, Wis.
Gregory and Suz (Roelfs) Smith '80	Katherine	Peoria, Ill.
1978		
William and Kathy (Lundeen) '78 Neil	David	Bloomington, Ill.
1979		
David Engelbrecht	Ellen	Waverly
John Swanson	Andrew	West Des Moines
1980		
Mark and Lynnda (Hanssen) '81 Risting	Christopher	Grinnell
Gary Zittergruen	Jeffrey	Van Horne
1982		
Steven Bremer	Christopher	Osage
Jeannene (Wilde) Larson	Jenna	Estherville
Jeffrey Zaputil	Jenalee	Denver
1983		
Janeen Jackson	Leah	Robins
1984		
Robert Goodman	Ryan McDonald	Evans, Ga.
1985		
Julie (Dietz) Benning	Megan	Clarksville
Wayne McClintock	Janna	Charles City
Julie Breutzmann	Robert	Waverly
1991		
Janet (Stortenbecker) Dietz	Ashley	Nashua
1999		
Margarita Roder	Danielle	Waterloo

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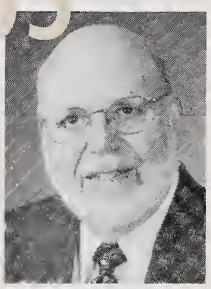

Gonnerman honored with Gold Pen Award

Frederick H. Gonnerman '55 was honored as the 17th recipient of the Gold Pen Award during a banquet at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minn. Oct. 17.

The Gold Pen is presented annually by the *MetroLutheran* to recognize distinguished service to Christ and the church through significant contributions in writing, photojournalism, radio, television or investigative reporting. *MetroLutheran* is a pan-Lutheran monthly newspaper serving churches in the seven-county Twin Cities area.

Gonnerman's book, *Getting the Word Out, The Alban Guide to Church Communications,* was published by Alban Institute in 2003 and honored with the DeRose-Hinkhouse Award of Excellence and Best of Class Award for writing from Religion Communicator's Conference (RCC) last spring.

In 1998, Gonnerman retired as director of public relations at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He had gone to Luther after serving for 23 years as director of information services at St. Olaf College in Northfield. While at St. Olaf and Luther, his writing, publication design and photography were honored with numerous awards from RCC and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

His other major publishing projects have included researching, writing, editing and designing *Generations of Love and Faithfulness,* the 30th anniversary history of the Northfield Retirement Center; editing and designing *Thanksgiving and Hope,* the 125th anniversary book of Luther Seminary; and editing and designing *Celebration!* for the 125th anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield.

In addition to conducting frequent workshops and serving as a consultant for parish publications and public relations, Gonnerman has taught classes in photography in the Northfield Continuing Education Program, the Cannon Valley Elder Collegium and a St. Olaf Elderhostel. He has mounted more than 10 one-man photography shows. His photography was also published in calendars, books and magazines. His photos have also hung in the U.S. Embassy in Oslo, Norway, and are part of the permanent art collection of St. Olaf College, Luther Seminary and Northfield City Hospital.

1971

Jim and MARCIA MARTIN HAGLER, Liberty Hill, Texas, have retired. As full-time "RVers" for the past 2½ years, they have visited 48 states.

1972

CYNTHIA JAKEL NORMAN, Yuma, Ariz., teaches eighth-grade mathematics and English.

Dr. JEAN SUCHSLAND SCHNEIDER, Waverly, received the 2004 R. Paul Brimm Dissertation Award at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, where she earned a Doctor of Education degree. She is an assistant professor in the UNI College of Education.

1973

LAURIE ROBINSON COGNETTA, Lake Ridge, Va., received two certificates for her outstanding contribution and her piano performance at a recognition luncheon for the U.S. Army Space and Missile Command Army Family Action Plan Planning and Training Conference in Arlington.

1976

JANE BLAZEK, Samutprakarn, Thailand, is director of instruction at Thai-Chinese International School in Bangkok. Her assignment at the school will last at least two years.

LEE KIRKEGAARD, Salem, Ore., is a choral music teacher. His choirs have performed in the Oregon State Choir Finals for the past three years. He and his wife, Ann, are the parents of Dane, 12, Chandler, 10, and Taylor, 5.

KC ORTH, Albuquerque, N.M., is editor of *Duke City Fit,* a newspaper dedicated to fitness, health and well being.

RANDALL SCHOENFELDER, Waterloo, has retired from the Waterloo Police Department after 34 years of service, achieving the rank of lieutenant in charge of investigations.

1977

MARK DAWSON, Los Angeles, Calif., is director of international program development for the RAND Corporation, Santa Monica.

COLEEN CHENEY ROWLEY, Apple Valley, Minn., has retired from the FBI after 24 years as a career agent. She was named one of *Time* magazine's 2002 "Persons of the Year" for her courage in criticizing the FBI's handling of events preceding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C.

SHARON HOFFMANN WAMBOLD, Reinbeck, teaches anatomy and physiology classes at The College of Massage Therapy and aquatics classes for Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo.

1978

LEEANN BENISCHEK, Anamosa, is a senior attorney with AEGON USA Realty Advisors, Inc.

LYNETTE ELLERBUSCH ERICKSON, Lincoln, Neb., is a psychotherapist in private practice with Azimuth Psychotherapy.

1979

MARK BEHLE, Alwynskop, Lesotho, teaches mathematics and religion and coaches the boys basketball team at Masitise High School. His 2004 squad finished second and won the sportsmanship trophy at the national high school championship tournament.

JEANNE GOCHE-HORIHAN, Manning, is chief executive officer/administrator of the Manning Regional Healthcare Center. After earning a master's degree in hospital and health administration and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, she worked in senior management at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

1980

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NANETTE DROSTE, Waverly, teaches eighth-grade English, practical English and general literature for secondary students in the Tripoli Community Schools. She also assists with speech/Thalians.

Dr. MATTHEW McCLURE, Rice, Minn., has returned from Kosovo. As a colonel with the Minnesota National Guard, he was deployed in support of KFOR, a NATO mission supported by the United States. He rejoins his wife, Dr. NOEL STOFFREGEN '82 McCLURE, and daughter, Megan.

1981

PAUL GROTELUESCHEN, Eagle River, Alaska, was promoted to lieutenant

colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He is assistant director of operations for the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron, stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage.

MARK and Kari HARMS, Flanagan, Ill., announce the birth of Kortney Hannah, Sept. 20. She joins Alana, 6, and Tyler, 3.

MARGARET SCHUSTER, St. Paul, Minn., was named president of Ventures Travel, LLC, Annandale. The company specializes in arranging vacations for people with developmental disabilities and others who benefit from supervised travel. She has been with the company for 11 years and hopes to expand its offerings.

GRETTA THORSON, Minneapolis, Minn., announces the adoption of Melissa Lynn, 11. Gretta is manager of records retention at Target Corporation.

1983

Curtis and PATSY WELDEN FOX, Colorado Springs, Colo., announce the birth of Connor William, Feb. 12, 2004. He joins Jaxon, 2. They have relocated after living in Europe for 10 years.

DEB NEWTON MORTENSEN, Alta, co-authored a teacher's resource book, *One-a-Day Paws*, which includes more than 196 lessons for teaching beginning reading skills. She is a kindergarten teacher in Storm Lake.

1984

MIRIAM LUTZ, Evergreen Colo., completed two years of service in December as humanitarian adviser to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York City. Her work was recognized with two Superior Honor Awards from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. State Department. Before moving to New York in November 2002, she spent three years as USAID humanitarian assistance coordinator in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo and a total of 12 years working overseas.

1985

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CINDY SUESS, Oshkosh, Wis., is head women's softball coach at the University of Wisconsin.

1987

JOYCE ADAMS CHASE, Oelwein, is co-owner of TRX, Inc., an Internet service company and also works for CUNA Brokerage, Waverly. She and her husband, Scott, are the parents of Adam, 6.

CARTER and Amy CREWS, High Ridge, Mo., announce the birth of Devon Nicole, Aug. 12. She joins Cameron, 3.

CRAIG and Priscilla KOECKERITZ, St. Paul, Minn., announce the adoption of Alexey, 5, from Kaluga, Russia. He joins Mitchell, 6.

Jim and CINDY CALEASE WECKWERTH, Stillwater, Minn., announce the birth of Analeese Grace, March 5. She joins Nick Langer, 10, and Joseph Weckwerth, 3. Cindy is environmental health program supervisor for the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment.

1988

JOEL DICKMAN, Fresno, Calif., is news director for KFSN-TV Channel 30. The station won its second Emmy award in 2004 as well as an Edward R. Murrow Award for the best newscast in northern California.

GAIL SUTTON FERLAZZO, Ames, is associate director of the Iowa State University Memorial Union after 10½ years as director of the campus center/campus activities at Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove, Pa.

1989

BART BERG and Leslie Frame, West Des Moines, were married Aug. 28. Bart is a reimbursement supervisor at Broadlawns Medical Center, Des Moines.

RHETT BUTLER, Fort Wayne, Ind., is principal of Forest Park Elementary School.

1990

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GERALD ACKERMAN, Marion, is president and owner of JVA Mobility, specialists in high-end rehabilitation equipment. The company services wheelchair patients from University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa wheelchair patients returning from Craig Hospital and Mayo Clinic and other clients throughout the country.

CHUCK and PAM PICARD BAKER, West Des Moines, announce the adoption of Samuel Choi, born Aug. 14, 2003, in South Korea. He joins Michael, 6. Pam is a system project analyst with EMC Insurance. Chuck is an information security analyst-senior with Principal Financial Group.

KIRK HILLEMAN and Angela Bohrn, Marshalltown, were married Oct. 23. Kirk is with Lennox Manufacturing, Inc.

MARY PUFFETT and Mark Grieff, Center Point, were married Nov. 20. She teaches seventh-grade mathematics and geography in the Center Point-Urbana Community Schools.

NICOLE STALEY, Richmond, Texas, received her Master of Education degree in administration and supervision from the University of Houston-Victoria. She is a fourth-grade teacher in Rosenberg.

1991

ALAN and Julie FEIRER, Winterset, announce the birth of Mara Lynn, July 22, 2003. Alan earned a Master of Music degree from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, in December 2003 and was invited to present his final paper at the Iowa Music Educators Association conference.

Dr. PHILIP FRANA, Conway, Ark., is assistant professor of science studies in the Honors College at the University of Central Arkansas. He and his wife, KELLI MOORE '92 FRANA, are the parents of Kaia, 4.

BRENDA HOLST HAGER, La Porte City, was promoted to lead agent in the NCAA department at Short's Travel Service, Waterloo. The department makes travel arrangements for college and university sports teams throughout the country to NCAA championship events.

RANDY and Charlotte KATKO, Oskaloosa, announce the birth of Marissa Jolie, Oct. 15, 2003. She joins Sydney, 4.

ROSANNE NELSON PRIMUS, Eldora, owns Backwoods Gallery Craft Emporium and makes and distributes soy candles throughout the upper Midwest.

Ron and KIRSTEN COLE REGENWETHER, Sprague ville, announce the birth of Annika Elizabeth, June 7. She joins Meghan, 8.

Greg and JOAN BILY SHERIDAN, West Des Moines, announce the birth of Lucas Holden, Oct. 29. He joins Ben, 4. Joan is a senior human relations generalist with Principal Financial Group, Des Moines.

Courtesy Photo

MISSION OF LOVE – Since 1954, the Rev. Leon '51 and Theophila Philippi are have served as missionaries in New Guinea and Australia. Among their appointments was service in Bena Bena, where they became the first foreign missionaries in the village. The Philippis made their home in Australia, working at 42 different locations. They currently work in missions deputation at North Star, Milguy, Moore.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

BRADLEY and Jessica SVOBODA, Lockport, Ill., announce the birth of Sean Edward, Aug. 10. He joins Paige, 2.

STEVE and Jennifer WALKER, Waverly, announce the birth of Jacob Richard, Jan. 1. He joins Lucas, 2. Steve is the director of the annual fund and an assistant wrestling coach at Wartburg. Jennifer is the college's head volleyball coach and lecturer in physical education.

1992

KEVIN and Jill BENDER, Decatur, Ga., announce the birth of Audrey Ruth, March 3, 2004. Kevin is an account manager for Mobius Management Systems of Rye, N.Y.

LAURIE GITCH EVERHARDT, Waverly, is volunteer services manager at the Waverly Health Center.

TIM and Cathy FISCHER, Plymouth, Minn., announce the birth of William Timothy, Sept. 14. Tim is a software engineer with MakeMusic – Coda Music Technologies.

MICHAEL and LEANN HILGERSON '93 FOELSKE, Waverly, announce the birth of Lakin Allan, Nov. 24. He joins Ellie, 5, and Jordyn, 2. Michael is with Rabo Ag Services, and LeAnn works for Lattin Photography, Cedar Falls.

LANCE and Diane HAUPT, Wellsburg, announce the birth of Rachel Marie, Dec. 23. She joins Jared, 8, and Travis, 6.

LEAH HANSEN HILL and PETER HILL '93, Ankeny, announce the birth of Levi Samuel, Dec. 16. He joins Naomi, 5, and Lydia, 3.

Mark and JODI KLAUDT HOLCK, Clear Lake, announce the birth of Macey Jo, Aug. 31. She joins Chelsey, 2.

DAVID MILLER and Sara Bartell, Denver, Colo., were married Oct. 1.

Dr. John and HEIDI FABER NETTROUR, Decorah, announce the adoption of Jade Faber, 2. She arrived from China Nov. 25 and joins Grace, 6.

Jolene Goerend '04

STUDENTS MEET KEVIN BACON – While studying at Wartburg West in Denver, Colo., last fall, three students attended an international film festival honoring actor Kevin Bacon. "The program said that if you had a ticket to the event, you were invited to a party afterward, so we decided why not?" said Kati Roth '05 of Washington, right, who was accompanied by Cindy Hanneman '05 of Nashua, left, and Tracy O'Donnell '05 of West Union, center. They spotted Bacon at the party and asked him to sign autographs and pose for the photo.

1993

George and TINA BAUGHN BARAC, Saint Charles, Ill., announce the birth of Daniel Patrick, Dec. 9.

LORIE RICKLEFS BENNETT, Humboldt, was promoted to city administrator for the City of Humboldt in September. She has worked for the city since October 1994, first serving as deputy city clerk and then as city clerk since 1998. She and her husband, ROGER BENNETT '93, are the parents of Emma, 8, and Maggie, 4.

TOM BUCHHEIM, Madison, Wis., is a strategic communications specialist in the corporate headquarters of American Family Insurance.

DAVE and Sara DENLY, Winfield, Kan., announce the birth of Benjamin Cole, July 11.

Jaime and NANCY WIRTH DRAHOZAL, Chanhassen, Minn., announce the birth of Ryan Robert, Oct. 6.

JOHANNA LORD and Michael Sojka, North Liberty, were married April 17, 2004. Johanna is a marketing executive with 100.7 "The Fox" at KXIC Radio.

MEG NESBITT and Steve Lorenz, Aurora, Colo., were married Sept. 4. Meg is a retirement plans representative with Oppenheimer Funds Mutual Funds.

BILLIE JO STEFFENSON TIMM and MARTIN TIMM '94, Center Point, announce the birth of Lucas Anthony, Dec. 17. He joins Kaitlyn, 4.

1994

CHUCK and SARAH SMEINS '95 AUGUSTINE, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of twins, Landon Dennis and Logan Victor, July 31. They join Maia, 3.

KEVIN and Brenda CUMMER, Des Moines, announce the birth of Zachary Aaron, Oct. 29. He joins Andrew, 1. Kevin is director-life accounting with FBL Financial Group, West Des Moines.

JON and LAURIE DEMRO '95 DAWLEY, Walford, announce the birth of Carter Jonathan, Sept. 7. He joins Marianna, 2 ½.

GINGER DUNCAN and Mark Youngman, Warminster, Pa., were married Nov. 13. Ginger has been a missionary teacher since 1994 in Kiev, Ukraine, and is now a graduate student in education at Philadelphia Biblical University.

Ron and T.J. WILLIAMS GORMAN, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Novella Janae, Oct. 17.

JONATHAN HOWIE and Amy Bickhard, Littleton, Colo., were married Sept 18. Jonathan owns Foundation Photography & Design, Denver, Colo., which specializes in architectural and nature photography.

CARLA BURKHART McCARTHY, Waterloo, is an account manager with Fisher Scientific.

John and AMY SHULTZ SILVIA, Jeffersonville, Vt., announce the birth of Ruby, June 21.

TROY and LYNN LITZER SMITH, Cedar Falls, announce the birth of Samuel Allen, Sept. 14. He joins Caitlynn, 4.

KARY STEFFEN and Robert Naeve, Manchester, were married Oct. 4, 2003.

Dr. JOHN SWANSON, Sherrard, Ill., is a radiologist with Advance Radiology, Moline. His wife, HEATHER BELL '96 SWANSON, is a stay-at-home mom. They are the parents of Cole, 5, Kara, 3, and Kacie, 1.

1995

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JOEL and Dr. JOY TRACHTE '97 BECKER, Menomonie, Wis., announce the birth of Isaac Joshua, Jan. 19. Joel moved from sports editor to editor of *The Dunn County News* Jan. 1. Joy is an assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Chris and DANA SCHARNHORST BRUBAKER, Altoona, announce the birth of Lorelai Lois, Sept. 30. Dana graduated from Iowa State University, Ames, with a Master of Education degree in May.

BLAIR BUFFINGTON, Forest City, is director of choral activities at Waldorf College.

TARA HONSEY CASSMANN and JIM CASSMANN '96, New Ulm, Minn., opened their second Sylvan Learning Center in Sleepy Eye in April. They also operate a center in North Mankato. Tara is executive director and Jim heads the department of economic security for the centers, which have a total of 32 full-time and part-time employees.

BRIAN and STACY BRUCH CONWAY, Center Point, announce the birth of Brady Matthew, May 28. He joins Rylie, 5, and Patrick, 3. Brian was promoted to QA supervisor at Quality Chef Foods. Stacy is as a loan specialist with Countrywide Home Loans.

IN MEMORIAM

1923

WILLIAM F. LIEBAU, Waverly, died Nov. 1. He was a longtime Waverly barber. He began working for his father after completing barber school in 1927 and remained in the family business until his retirement in 1974. He was a ham radio operator and received one of the first licenses in the nation.

1926

The Rev. HAROLD O. BOMHOFF, Oelwein, died Jan. 1 of natural causes. He was 101. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps. His career in the clergy spanned 46 years. Bomhoff chaired the Baytown Mental Health Center for seven years and wrote a weekly column for several newspapers, including the *Oelwein Daily Register*.

1930

GLADYS M. CHRISTOPHEL REBELEIN, Platteville, Wis., died Dec. 7. A retired teacher, she taught for approximately 20 years in Iowa and Wisconsin public schools. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Wisconsin State University, Platteville, in 1965.

IRMA M. ROD, Waverly, died Feb. 3. She worked for 27 years at the Lutheran Mutual Aid Society, which later became Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Company in Waverly. She was also secretary of the Lutheran Home Finding Society, now Lutheran Family Services, in Fort Dodge for several yeats.

1931

ALVINA MEYER NUTZMAN, Unadilla, Neb., died March 5, 2003. She was a piano teacher and served for 73 years as a church organist.

1935

GRACE MENSINGER, Camanche, died Jan. 8. She taught in the Clinton School District and later worked in the family business, Mensinger Fish Market.

1938

ROSAMOND ECKSTEIN GORDANIER, Winona, Minn., died Dec. 25. She was a former music and commercial business teacher in Postville. She and her husband owned and operated a Postville dry cleaning business for 42 yeats.

1940

The Rev. CHARLES E. SCHMITZ, Sun City West, Ariz., died Oct. 21, 2003. A 1942 graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, he was a Lutheran church developer prior to his retirement.

1943

The Rev. JAMES A. HUGHES, Williamsburg, Va., died Jan. 15. He graduated from Wartburg Seminary and served parishes in Denver, Colo.; in Dundee and Lamont; and in Mount Horeb, Cross Plains, Mazomanie and Oconomowoc, Wis.

1944

The Rev. ARNOLD RAABE, Fort Wayne, Ind., died Jan. 20. He was a 1946 graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary and served congregations in Chicago and Stockton, Ill.; and Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, Ind.

1945

The Rev. LOWELL A. KOCH, Waverly, died Nov. 20. He graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary in 1947 and served parishes in Sibley and Grundy Center before entering the U.S. Air Force as a chaplain. Koch served during the Korean War in Chandler, Ariz., Guam and New Hampshire. He remained active in the reserves for 20 years and served parishes in Waterloo, Iowa City, Allison and Cherokee.

1946

The Rev. CONRAD G. IDE, Pittsburg, Kan., died Oct. 31. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, he spent 38 years as a Lutheran pastor, serving congtegations in Cedar Rapids, Cozad, La Crosse and McCook, Neb.; and Kinsley. Kan., before moving to Pittsburg, where he retired in 1997 and was named pastor emeritus of St. John Lutheran Church.

1947

The Rev. A.L. MEYER, Loveland, Colo., died Oct. 19. He graduated from Wartbutg Seminary in 1951 and served parishes in Kansas; in Ashland, Byron, Ord, Grand Island and Hastings, Neb.; and in Levelland and Kingsville, Texas.

1950

DALE E.B. UNGER, West Alexandria, Ohio, died June 2. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, where he served as a dive-bomber pilot in the South Pacific and attained the rank of lieutenant. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Iowa in 1949. Unger was an independent insurance agent and owner of Roselius Insurance Agency.

1952

ROBERT L. WELTNER, Sumner, died Sept. 21. A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he operated a dairy and crop farm for many years and also sold seed corn.

1953

Dr. HENRY DIERS, Fort Myers, Fla., died Sept. 9. After earning M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in speech and drama from the University of Illinois, he directed more than 90 plays and musicals at the equity and collegiate levels in a career that spanned 45 years. He was professor and director of theatre at the University of Miami in Florida and at the State University of New York College at Old Westbury. He served as dean of fine arts and communications at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania. In 1998, he was asked to build a theate program at Florida Gulf Coast University, where he retired in 2003.

1955

Dr. HELMUTH M. "GIL" GILOW, Memphis, Tenn., died Nov. 30. He earned a Ph.D. degree at the University of Iowa and joined the faculty at Rhodes College, Memphis, in 1959. He taught organic chemistry until his retirement in 1997, when he was named professor emeritus of chemistry. He served a term as president of the Memphis section of the American Chemical Society.

1962

ELDA BRANDT OBERHEU, Waverly, died Jan. 21. She was a public school teacher for 38 years before her retirement. She completed a two-year teaching degree in 1958 and a B.A. degree in 1962 from Wartburg and eatned a Master of Atts degree in teaching from Upper Iowa College, Fayette, in 1970. She was president of the Bremwood Auxiliary in Waverly for two years.

1963

LAVONNE SCHARNHORST PIEHL, Denver, died Oct. 2 of complications ftom cancer. She earned a two-year teaching degree at Wartburg in 1955 and completed her B.A. in 1963. She taught in La Porte City from 1955 to 1957; in Plainfield until 1960; and in Charles City from 1960 to 1970. She taught in the Waverly-Shell Rock School District from 1970 until her retirement in 1997. She served on the Denver Sunset Home Board of Directots from 1990 until her death.

1965

MAURICE A. "MO" SATHOFF, Monroe, Wis., died Feb. 17, 2004. He had retired in 2001 after 27 years as principal of Monroe High School. He earned a Master of Arts degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 1970. Sathoff taught business education in the North Linn Community Schools, Walker, and at Nashua High School before becoming principal at Garnavillo Junior/Senior High School. He moved to Monroe in 1974.

1966

SUSAN SUTLIFF BASHAM, Brookfield, Wis., died Sept. 26 of a brain aneurysm. She was an elementary librarian in the Wauwatosa School District for 32 years. She spent 17 years at Eisenhower Elementary School before her retirement in June 2004.

1989

DAVE OCKERMAN, Boise, Idaho, died Oct. 5 of leukemia. He worked as a paramedic in Twin Falls and for 13 years in Boise with Ada County EMS. In 1991, he became a volunteer fireman with North Ada County Fire and Rescue.

1990

KARLA KAYE HAKERT, Houston, Texas, died June 9 of complications following surgery. She was an elementary English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher at Metcalf CY Fair School System in Houston and also taught ESL in Minneapolis, Minn., for a short time. (This is an update to information published in the fall issue.)

2002

AMY LANCASTER KNUTSON, Urbana, died Oct. 22. She earned a master's degree in social work from St. Ambrose University, Davenport, in 2004 and was employed with the ASAC Center in Cedar Rapids. She had just begun a position with Lutheran Social Services in Manchester.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

Reed named head of Iowa Department of Human Rights

by Jon Ericson, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier

After nearly 10 years directing the Waterloo Commission on Human Rights, Walter Reed '76 became head of the Iowa Department of Human Rights Feb. 11.

The Waterloo commission had drawn statewide recognition for work on a variety of issues, from study circles to hate crimes to diversity appreciation.

Reed had also served the past five years on the Iowa Board of Corrections.

Those experiences drew the attention of the governor's office.

"He brings a wealth of experience to the job and is committed to expanding opportunities for all Iowans," said Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack.

Reed looks forward to bringing his talents to a larger scale of work. The Department of Human Rights has many divisions and boards, serving populations as diverse as juvenile criminal justice, African-American issues and the disabled.

"It's going to be a challenge, but it's one that I believe I'm ready to step up the plate and take a good look at," Reed said.

Reed is a Waterloo native and was active in the community long before he became director of the Commission on Human Rights. The new job means a move to Des Moines.

"It's bittersweet. It's not easy to do at all. My mother's here, my aunties are here, my whole family is here," Reed said.

But the timing is good. Reed's children are grown and involved in their careers or going to college.

He will miss his work on projects in Waterloo, but promises not to abandon them. He was one of the founders of the Gates Park Youth Basketball League.

"I have a real interest in what happens with youth in this city," Reed said.

He wants to see the city continue to work on one of his more recent causes, creation of a youth employment program to keep kids occupied and learning good habits.

In his new job, Reed will be asked to make his department function better than ever before, but with less money. With a tight state budget, Reed and other department heads have been asked to be creative in delivering their services.

Reed's work on the Board of Corrections gave him more insight into how the state government works.

He had worked with the Vilsack administration on issues relating to overrepresentation of minorities in the prison system and the minority achievement gap in education.

According to Reed, Vilsack and Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson want to focus on early childhood education, and his department will play a role in that.

Reed expects to move his family to Des Moines this summer.

The Rev. Jason and AMY JENSEN COOPER, Strawberry Point, announce the birth of Jensen Bianchine, Aug. 2. Jensen joins Maia, 5. Amy is a stay-at-home mom.

Jason and MAIA BORK FOUST, Liberty, Mo., announce the birth of Britta Suzanne, Dec. 22. She joins Will, 4, and Annika, 1.

STEPHANIE SCOTT FOWLER, Denver, has joined the resource development department at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank after nine years in teaching.

Alan and TERI LIES HAAS, Jefferson City, Mo., announce the birth of Hannah Leigh, Nov. 6.

LILAH HICKS and Karl Grimm, Waverly, were married Oct. 2. Lilah is employed by R.D. Drenkow & Co., Inc.

The Rev. RYAN MATTHIAS, Davenport, was ordained July 25 and installed the following week as associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. He and his wife, Dr. SARAH ZIMMERMANN '96 MATTHIAS, are the parents of Samuel, 1. Sarah is a pediatrician with an East Moline, Ill., clinic.

CARLA BURKART McCARTHY, Waterloo, is an account manager with Fisher Scientific.

Dr. JEFFREY PARKER and Teresa Sheeley, Monticello, were married Sept. 11. Jeffrey is with Podiatry Associates, P.C., Cedar Rapids.

KATHRYN HEUTON WINSLOW, Sitka, Alaska, earned a Master of Arts degree in education/administration. She is an English and humanities instructor and a learning specialist with the University of Alaska Southeast. She is also establishing a statewide developmental reading and writing program and serves as a search and rescue volunteer.

1996

John and TAMMIE WHALEN BHEND, Rose Creek, Minn., announce the birth of Madison Ruth, March 23, 2004. She joins sisters, Taylor, 5, and Emily, 3.

LISA MORSE CARLEY, Altoona, was promoted in October to customer service manager for Cahaba GBA, Des Moines.

Dr. TIMOTHY and CAROL KENTOPP DETTMER, Coralville, announce the birth of Miriam Rebecca, Dec. 10. She joins Lauren, 5, and Adam, 3.

HAUPT DUTCHER, Dayton, teaches at Ogden High School. She and her husband, Rich, are the parents of Hannah, 3, and Bryant, 1.

BRAD and Tammy FREIDHOF, Coralville, announce the birth of Carter Bradley, Dec. 28. He joins brothers Jessie, 10, Benjamin, 8, and Jacob, 6.

SCOTT HARKEN and Jennifer Plueger, Des Moines, were married Aug. 7. Scott is a loan officer with CitiGroup Mortgage.

STEVE and Tina HUBBARD, Waverly, announce the birth of twin daughters, Allison Marie and Emily Ann, Oct. 2.

DAVE and Jaime LEONHART, Waterloo, announce the birth of Mia Mille Lila, Dec. 8. Dave was project manager for Cardinal Construction on Wartburg's recently completed Saemann Student Center, campus entrance and Löhe Hall projects.

MIKE PEASLEY, Spencer, received a Best Sportscast Award during the May convention of the Iowa Associated Press and Iowa Broadcast News Association. His Spencer Tiger Football Pregame Show received a Best Sports Program Award. Mike is sports director at KICD Radio.

ROB POSEKANY and DAWN MATTHIAS '97, Solon, were married July 24.

KRISTEN OLIVER REECE and MATTHEW REECE '97, Davenport, announce the birth of Rhaena Elizabeth, Aug. 26. She joins Aleck, 3.

JUSTIN and SHANNON McNAMARA '97 SMITH are living and working in Penang, Malaysia. Justin is the elementary through middle school principal and Shannon is the preschool coordinator at Dalat International School. They are the parents of Addison, 7, and Alaina, 1.

The Rev. MICHAEL and CARRIE COOPER '97 STADTMUELLER, Fort Collins, Colo., announce the birth of Gabriel Dean, Oct. 4.

1997

MICHAEL BOWMAN, Pantego, Texas, is Texas dealer for Sports Graphics, a sports equipment firm headquartered in Clarion, Iowa.

Spencer and ANNETTE EDGREN DAVIS, Princeton, Ill., announce the birth of Teegan Wayne, Oct. 14. He joins Drake, 5, Wyatt, 3, and Cael, 2.

KRISTEN DICKMAN, Barstow, Calif., is a beginner band instructor in four Barstow School District schools.

CHRISTI LARSON DIXON, Marthasville, Mo., is account manager with Standing Partnership, a St. Louis public relations firm. Her husband, BRANDON DIXON, is cellarmaster at Mount Pleasant Winery, Augusta.

LISA INFELT GRIFFIN, Denver, Colo., is a social worker with Cottonwood Alternatives.

KIM JASS, Evanston, Ill., is director of youth fitness programs at the McGaw YMCA. She is heading a project to administer extra-curricular sports program for the Evanston middle schools.

Jon and SARAH DANNER KING, Muscatine, announce the birth of Emily May, Sept. 4.

Unfinished manuscript represents Bachman's final work

When former Wartburg president Dr. John W. Bachman died in July 2003, he was in the process of writing a book, *Confronting Issues That Challenge Faith.*

Dr. John W. Bachman

Although he had not completed the manuscript, Bachman had discussed the project with Leonard Flachman '58 of Kirk House Publishers in Minneapolis. Minn.

After Bachman's death, Flachman suggested that the family consider publishing the book posthumously. They found computer files of the manuscript but determined that it was still a draft and did not reflect the careful writing that characterized Bachman's previous books. Still, they felt that his examination of perplexing issues commonly confronted by believers and other thoughtful inquirers would be of interest both to the family and to others.

Through Kirk House, the manuscript was formatted and published in a limited edition. According to Flachman, the final product represents Bachman's work-in-process at the time of his death.

"Faith can be strengthened by dealing honestly with troubling questions," Bachman wrote in the introduction. "Confronting issues that challenge faith often leads to the discovery of unconventional wisdom, expressions of truth beyond what may be only popular and superficial."

The manuscript deals with such questions as "What must I do to make life worthwhile?" "Should my faith affect my politics?" "Is sacrifice absurd in a culture dedicated to looking out for No. 1?" "What are my responsibilities as a citizen in a society driven by powerful special interests?" "Can believers agree enough to be influential?"

The Bachman family has donated copies of the published manuscript to Wartburg's Vogel Library and the library archives.

Flachman expands Kirk House Publishers

Faculty members at Lutheran colleges and universities have a new outlet for publishing their scholarship, research, literature and art.

Leonard Flachman '58 and Karen Walhof have expanded co-owned Kirk House Publishers, Inc., in Minneapolis, Minn., to include Lutheran University Press. The newly developed imprint of Kirk House has been established to meet demand for denominational publications.

"When you total the student body numbers and the faculty numbers of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America colleges and universities, you have a number nearly equal to that of the larger universities in this country," said Flachman. "Most of those universities have a university press. Lutheran University Press will provide a great opportunity to make the ELCA schools a collective player in that arena."

The mission of Lutheran University Press is to publish books of exceptional scholarly quality and originality. It will draw on and support the intellectual activities of Lutheran colleges, universities and seminaries and their faculties.

Lutheran University Press is based on the same principles as Kirk House, offering options for authors and institutions and maximizing the number of published works. Options such as royalty publishing, co-publishing and subsidy publishing provide opportunities for authors and institutions to get their manuscripts published and placed in niche markets.

Flachman and Walhof recognize that the publishing industry has changed significantly in the last decade. "Most major New York publishers no longer accept unsolicited manuscripts, making it difficult for new writers to get their works published," Flachman explained. "Meanwhile, denominational publishers only print a relatively small number of works by Lutheran authors, turning away over a thousand unsolicited manuscripts each year. The Lutheran University Press provides an additional conduit in this competitive market."

For more information, contact Flachman at 1-888-696-1828 or visit www.lutheranUpress.org.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

David and JESSICA CONDON KRUGER, Plainfield, announce the birth of Jacob Kent, Sept. 10. He joins Kayla, 6, and Kaitlyn, 3.

NICOLE LAMPE, Newton, teaches fourth grade at Aurora Heights Elementary School. She earned a Master of Arts degree from Viterbo University.

Jack and NANCY LAMBERTY LINDER, Verona, Wis., announce the birth of Katelynne Grace, Nov. 27, 2003. Nancy is a piano teacher and professional accompanist in the Madison area.

STEVEN and KRISTEN BLIHOVDE MATHESIUS, Milton, Wis., announce the birth of James Steven, Nov. 16. He joins Katja, 2.

AMY McELHINNEY, Bloomington, Ind., is a second-year Ph.D. student at Indiana University. She is working on a degree in molecular, cell and developmental biology, with a focus on evolution and development.

PAUL MOELLERING, Highlands Ranch, Colo., is an elementary teacher in the Douglas County School District in the Denver area.

JUSTIN and HANNAH BARRANCE SCHAEFER, Hiawatha, announce the birth of Lily, Nov. 7, 2003. She joins Andrew, 3.

JIM and TINA KUBE THOMPSON, Ankeny, announce the birth of Samuel James, Dec. 16. He joins Emma, 2.

1998

Job and JILL BIWER BERAN, Lime Springs, announce the birth of Joy Leanne, Dec. 29. She joins J.D., 2.

AMY LAWSON BIGGS and BRIAN BIGGS '99, Erie, Pa., announce the birth of Jack Thomas, July 15. Brian is an associate actuary with the Erie Insurance Group. Amy works from home as a teacher with the Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School.

JAIME and MOLLY KAMM '96 BLEESS, Fairmont, Minn., announce the birth of Selma Jean, Dec. 17. She joins Claudia, 4, and Josie, 2. Jaime received the 2004 Fairmont Police Officer of the Year Award for "dedicated service to the department and to the citizens of Fairmont."

Adam and AMY BAKER BRASE, Rochester, Minn., announce the birth of Logan Adam, April 2. He joins Kalianna, 3. Amy owns and operates Bead-Bop, a home business specializing in personalized beaded jewelry parties and special orders.

Keith and REBECCA HEYING BUCKRIDGE, Alta Vista, announce the birth of Nolan Robert, Feb. 6, 2004. He joins Elizabeth, Gabrielle and Landon.

TIM and BRIGID ARNOLD CHRISTIANSON, Sheffield, announce the birth of Delaney, April 17. Brigid is with Francis Lauer Youth Services, Mason City, and Tim works for Jaspersen Insurance.

JAMIE DAVIS CUMMINS, Tujunga, Calif., graduated from California Lutheran University in August with a Master of Science degree in guidance and counseling. She is a high school counselor for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

CHRISTIANNA FINNERN and David Hunt, Minneapolis, Minn., were married Oct. 23. She is an attorney at Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., practicing in the business and commercial litigation group.

Dr. Eric and NICHOLE BENDER LAMBERT announce the birth of Rylee Paige, Nov. 15. She joins Ethan, 3. In October, Nichole received the John P. Steketee Child Welfare Advocate of the Year Award. Named after a prominent family court judge, the award recognizes outstanding work in foster care and adoption.

DAVID and Dr. DENISE JOHNSON NEUMANN, Oskaloosa, announce the birth of Zackary Vance, June 21. David is with Cargill, and Denise is a dentist.

Kristofer and SUSAN UTHOF ORTH, Ankeny, announce the birth of Aiden Lee, Sept. 4. He joins Olivia, 3.

LESLEY LEHMAN ORTNER and CHRIS ORTNER '99, Waterloo, announce the birth of Mack Matthew, Nov. 24.

PERRY and LINSEY KLECKNER '99 PETERSEN, North St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of Carson Joseph, Nov. 4. Perry is senior high youth minister, and Linsey is junior high youth minister at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake.

Richard and JACQUELYN BINGHAM SCHAALMA, Juneau, Wis., announce the birth of Tara Jane, Sept. 14. She joins Megan, 2.

Ryan and JAMIE TAGTOW ZIMMERMAN, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Tanner Allen, April 7. Jamie is a senior supervisor with the Federal Reserve Bank and is pursuing an M.B.A. degree at Creighton University.

1999

JEN VICK BISTLINE and MIKE BISTLINE '00, Jesup, announce the birth of Joseph Henry, Oct. 13. Mike is director of bands at Union High School, La Porte City. Jen owns Sixth Street Conservatory.

THOMAS BOWMAN, Cherokee, is clinics director for Sioux Valley Memorial Hospital.

MATT and ABBY NIPP '01 DETTMER, West Des Moines, announce the birth of Hailey Louise, Sept. 13. Abby is in her fourth year of medical school at Des Moines University. Matt is a computer programmer for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

SONJA ANDERSON GERSTENBERGER, Des Moines, is an employee communications editor with MidAmerican Energy Company.

MARK HARGRAFEN, Greenfield, earned a master's degree in criminology from St. Ambrose University in 2003.

JULIE LEONARD and Jason Pewe, Urbandale, were married Oct. 23. She is a communications consultant with Principal Financial Group.

TRAVIS and Erin McDOWELL, Ankeny, announce the birth of Trey James, March 16, 2004.

MELISSA MILLER, Grimes, teaches kindergarten in the Johnston School District.

Vincent and RUTHIE SCHENTZEL SCHNEIDER, Cedar, Minn., announce the birth of Elizabeth Mae, Oct. 19.

FELICIA SMITH and Ryan Hagerstrom, Waterloo, were married July 17.

Brad and ELLY MICHELS STEFFEN, West Burlington, announce the birth of Derek Joseph, Sept. 12. Elly completed dual master's degrees in hospital administration and public health in 2001. She is director of program development with Great River Medical Center.

Chad and ERIKA BOETTCHER WHALLEY, Sun Prairie, Wis., announce the birth of Adrian Chad, July 29.

2000

Homecoming Reunion, Oct. 13-16

HEIDI ALLEN, Mount Prospect, Ill., competed in the Chicago Marathon with Team in Training.

JOHN BORLESKE and Amanda Janssen, Madison, Wis., were married in May by John's father, the Rev. PHIL BORLESKE '63, Swedesburg. John is a project manager with Epic Systems Corporation.

JOSHUA BRECHT and Gail Bichlmeir, Brooklyn Park, Minn., were married Aug. 21. Josh is a youth minister at Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville.

JEFFREY CLARK, Cedar Rapids, teaches seventh-grade mathematics in the Marion Independent School District.

KRISTIN ERICKSON and Mark Roberts, Cedar Rapids, were married Oct. 2 in the Wartburg Chapel. Kris is a consulting associate with Frank N. Magid Associates.

BRITTA MONSON FISHER, Denver, Colo., has been named to the Colorado Division of Housing's Blue Ribbon Panel, charged with recommending solutions to the state's critical housing needs. She is with the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

Dr. MICHAEL and Carrie FRANZMAN, Iowa City, announce the birth of daughter Avery Lee, Oct. 5. Michael graduated in June from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, where he is now a resident in periodontics.

PETER GUSTAFSON, Chicago, Ill., is coordinator of state government relations with Walgreens Corp.

JENNIFER HEPLER, Portage, Wis., received her master's degree in education with an emphasis on students at-risk from Marian College, Fond du Lac, in December. She is a high school teacher at the Portage Academy of Achievement.

Dr. MICHAEL and ASHLEY THOMPSEN JORGENSEN have purchased a chiropractic clinic in Ames. Michael completed a Doctor of Chiropractic degree at Northwestern in Minneapolis as a doctor of chiropractic in 2003.

KRISTI KISCHER and Mike Driscoll, Johnston, were married Aug. 14. Kristi is an accountant at John Deere Ag Management Solutions, Urbandale.

Luke and KELLY SCOTT KUYPER, Houston, Texas, announce the birth of Kenedie Holly, Dec. 2.

JEANETTE OLSON LAURES, New Hampton, teaches sixth-grade language

arts at New Hampton Middle School and serves as assistant high school volleyball and girls track coach. She and her husband, MITCH LAURES '98, were married April 5, 2003.

DEREK and AMBER MYHR MILLER, Des Moines, announce the birth of Jaxson Henry, Oct. 21. He joins Kade, 2.

ERIC NOREN, Wayzata, Minn., is a financial analyst with Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, Minneapolis, and is enrolled in the M.B.A. program at the University of Minnesota-Carlson School of Management. His wife, KELLY WENNDT NOREN, is a project manager with Carmichael Lynch Advertising, Minneapolis.

ERIN SANDQUIST and James Reed, Ankeny, were married Aug. 16, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Erin is the marketing communications specialist for GuideOne Insurance, West Des Moines.

DARYL TESTORFF and Carrie Nieman, Waverly, were married Aug. 14.

Ryan and BRITT OLSON WEHRENBERG, LeRoy, Minn., announce the birth of Cale Thomas, Nov. 12.

2001

MIKE ARMSTRONG, Center Point, was named the 2003-04 Technical Instructor of the Year for New Horizons Computer Learning Center Worldwide at the company's international conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

JESSICA BRAITHWAITE and Matthew Franzen, Miles, were married Nov. 27. Jessica is a therapist in private practice at Cornerstone Wellness Center, LLC, Clinton.

BROCK COLE, Fairhope, Ala., is enrolled in graduate school at the U.S. Sports Academy, Dalphne.

CAREN COLLINS, Kansas City, Mo., graduated in May with a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

AARON COLLMANN, Alexandria, Va., was the tenor soloist at the Dec. 11 Congressional Chorus Christmas Concert in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1987, the auditioned chorus is comprised of current and former congressional and political staff members.

WENDY COX, Sioux City, is director of children's ministry at Sunnybrook Community Church.

ANDREA JOHNSON, Chicago, Ill., graduated *magna cum laude* in May from Tulane Law School. She received the George Dewey Nelson Memorial Award for ranking first in the common law curriculum and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. She passed the Illinois bar examination in July and is with Kirkland & Ellis LLP as an associate in the restructuring, insolvency, workout and bankruptcy practice group.

PAUL KOENIG and Shelly Zeitler, Clear Lake, were married Aug. 7. Paul is a sales representative with Reliant Pharmaceutical.

JIM MARLIN and Jennifer Akers, Waterloo, were married April 17. Jim is with KWWL-TV.

REBECCA MARTIN, St. Paul, is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary.

SARA McCLURE, Vail, Colo., is the in-house graphic artist and assistant photographer with Slifer Smith & Frampton Real Estate.

MARISSA MOWEN and Eric Vermeer, Ames, were married July 24. She teaches kindergarten in the Ballard School District and is working toward a master's degree in education at Iowa State University.

HEIDI MUELLER and Curtis Barber, DeWitt, were married Aug. 21. Heidi is a human resource specialist with the Rock Island Arsenal.

ANGELA PETERS, Lincoln, Neb., is a process development scientist with Novartis Consumer Health.

NICK ROBERTSON and Jennifer Birks, Windsor Heights, were married Nov. 20. He is employed by MetLife, Des Moines.

JUSTIN SCHULZ and TARA PRATT '03, Silvis, Ill., were married Oct. 16 in the Wartburg Chapel. Justin is a business analyst for Deere and Co. Tara is a customer service manager with Hy-Vee.

DINA TANNOUS, Chicago, Ill., works in the youth ministries office at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is one of the coordinators for the 2006 ELCA Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas.

Todd and NICOLE FUCHSEN THOMAS, Cedar Falls, announce the birth of Noel Joy, Aug. 8. Nicole is a secretary for a motivational speaker.

JAIMIE WILSON, Sacramento, Calif., is serving a pastoral internship at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. He was elected transgender representative to Lutherans Concerned/North America Board of Directors, a Lutheran organization working for the support and full inclusion of gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender people in Lutheran churches.

2002

ELY ANDERSON, Chicago, Ill., is a reference librarian/faculty liaison at Erikson Institute, a child development graduate school. She graduated in 2003 from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

TONI HEIMERDINGER BABCOCK, Waterloo, is the marketing/business director with Seed Planters Training and Development Center. The nonprofit program offers adventure-based programming in group development, team building and leadership development to corporations, organizations and schools.

DAVID BACKEBERG and Kristin Wiley, Somerville, Mass., were married Oct. 9. David is a network support specialist in the mathematics department at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Share news about your new job or promotion, your marriage, a birth in your family, honors you've received, your retirement. Maybe you've earned another degree, had a book or article published, won an election. **Let us know!**

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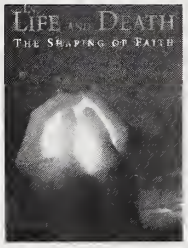
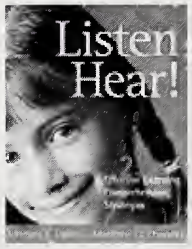


In Life and Death: The Shaping of Faith
by LeRoy Aden '51

Augsburg January 2005
ISBN: 0806651296

Aden explores the variety of responses to faith's ultimate test: death.



Listen Hear! 25 Effective Listening Comprehension Strategies
by Dr. Matthew Zbaracki '93 and Dr. Michael Opitz

Heinemann July 2004
ISBN: 0325003440

This book is designed as a handy, friendly resource full of fresh teaching strategies.

Laughing Through the Fear
by Tammy Sharp '85

Xlibris Corporation January 2005
ISBN: 1413470068

More than 8,000 U.S. children under age 15 are diagnosed with cancer every year. This is the story of one of those children, told through the eyes of her mother.

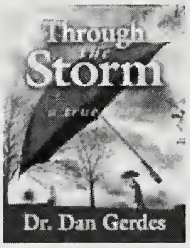
'Diemer' My Roots, My Life, My Work
by Max Diemer '44

Lapun Publishers September 2001
ASIN: B0006E8VO2

The autobiography of Max Diemer
(no photo available)

Your Sentiments Exactly
by Julie Scattaregia '84

Learn how to create moods for your scrapbook by combining color, texture and design.



Through The Storm
by Dr. Dan Gerdes '87

Evergreen Press June 2003
ISBN: 1S8169122X

Dan and his wife, Karen, discovered that trouble brings with it life-changing opportunities. Faced with the tragedy of their son's death, they struggled to keep their lives afloat. This storm became the defining moment for the rest of their lives and drew them to God in a fresh relationship that has made all the difference.

Coaching for Character
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GRETCHEN BARTLETT, Knoxville, Tenn., was promoted to promotions director and on-air personality for 93.1 "The Point," a Journal Broadcast Group station.

KENZA BEMIS and MATTHEW NELSON '03, Iowa City, were married Oct. 23. Kenza is enrolled in law school at the University of Iowa. Matthew is a photo-journalist with KCRG-TV9, Cedar Rapids.

CHRISTI WICKRE COLE, Rowley, teaches science at B.C. Berg Middle School. She is also assistant ninth-grade girls basketball coach and assistant varsity boys soccer coach.

DANIEL COOPER and SARAH TUTTLE, Denver, were married Oct. 30. Sarah teaches middle school social studies and K-12 talented and gifted courses in the Tripoli Community Schools. Dan is instrumental music director in the Denver Community Schools.

KATIE SCHATZ FERRIE, Cresco, is a marketing assistant with Cresco Union Savings Bank.

LINDSAY GIENAPP and Scott Domeyer, Manchester, were married June 19. Lindsay is a loan processor at Heritage Bank, Marion.

MICHAEL HANNEMANN and KRISTI HABERMAN '04, Nashua, were married July 31. Michael is a partner with Haberman-Hannemann Construction. Kristi teaches first grade in the Nashua-Plainfield Schools.

JOHN HANSEN, La Crosse, Wis., is a computer programmer-software development manager.

TIMOTHY HOFFMAN and Sara Sudbeck, Indianapolis, Ind., were married July 10. Tim teaches eighth-grade language arts and coaches seventh-grade football in the Indianapolis Schools.

Ryan and KATHLEEN THEDENS HOLDEN, Orion, Ill., announce the birth of Gabriel James, July 5. He joins Emma, 2.

MELISSA HOVER, Waterloo, teaches 4-12 instrumental music in the Jesup Community Schools. She also directs the concert, marching, jazz and pep bands.

SARA JOHANNSEN and Ronald Darling, Gilbert, Ariz., announce the birth of Tyler Eugene Darling, Feb. 26, 2004.

TODD JOHNSON and SHANNON RUDIN '03, Englewood, Colo., were married Oct. 16. Todd teaches at Englewood Elementary, and Shannon is an elementary teacher in Littleton.

NICHOLAS KROEGER and KATIE McCRINDLE, West Des Moines, were married Nov. 13 in the Wartburg Chapel.

ERIK and TINA WOOD '03 NAAKTGEBOREN, Marion, announce the birth of Tate Daniel, Nov. 10.

HOLLY PELLETTERI and Jonathan Russell, Des Moines, were married Sept. 4. Holly is a K-8 music teacher at St. Pius X Catholic School, Urbandale.

RYAN ROST and CINNAMON ANSORGE, Polk City, were married Sept. 5. Ryan is a graduate student in information assurance at Iowa State University, Ames. Cinnamon is a graphic designer for Business Publications Corporation, Des Moines.

ERIK and JILL GROTH '03 SMITH, Waverly, announce the birth of Brynn Tacy, Nov. 20.

CARY SCHROEDER SOLHEIM, Cedar Rapids, is a social worker at Cottage Grove Place, a Lifecare Community.

MOLLY STANDAFER and Michael Gross, West Union, were married Nov. 12.

JASON SULLIVAN and Dana Daubenberger, Waverly, were married Aug. 6. Jason is a middle school and high school social studies teacher in the Janesville Community Schools, Janesville.

MATT TRETTIN and Angela Dethlefs, Johnston, were married Oct. 2. Matt is an actuarial assistant with Principal Financial Group, Des Moines.

NATHAN and ANNE WOODRING WEAR, San Antonio, Texas, announce the birth of Rhyse Nathan, Oct. 19.

BRIAN WHITE and KRISTINE YEAGER, Des Moines, were married Oct. 2. Brian is an underwriter with Allied Insurance, and Kris is an account coordinator at Essman/Associates.

LINDY ZARS and Lee Winterscheidt, Westminster, Colo., were married Oct. 16. Lindy is a graphics manager with Sun Company, Inc., Arvada.

2003

KENDALL ALLEN, Richardson, Texas, was named one of the Beginning Teachers of the Year in the Plano Independent School District, Plano.

PAMELA ANDERSON, Milwaukee, Wis., is a second-year history graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

ZACK ARMSTRONG, Manchester, is a certified public accountant in the auditing department at Honkamp Krueger and Company, Dubuque.

JASON BELL and ANN WILLHOITE, Duluth, Minn., were married Aug. 28 in the Wartburg Chapel. Ann is pursuing a master's degree in counseling at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, and Jason is a refugee resettlement case manager with LSS and Men as Peacemakers.

JENNY BLOOMBERG and Jason Miller, Norwalk, were married Oct. 2. Jenny is with City State Bank.

JAMA CLARK, Davenport, works on the retail sales and marketing team at the Quad City Times.

ABBIE COOPER, Costa Mesa, Calif., is a graduate student at Azusa Pacific University and works as a piano accompanist at Vanguard University.

ERIK DANIELSON and ANGIE HULSE, Coralville, were married June 12. Angie is a second-year pharmacy student, and Erik is a civil engineering graduate student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

ANGELA HAUGEN, Marshalltown, is an assistant store manager at Cato Fashions.

ANNA JOHNSON, Urbandale, is a ticket sales representative with the Iowa Stars, the American Hockey League team affiliate of the National Hockey League Dallas Stars.

MATTHEW LANGRECK and LAURA KLECKNER, Little Canada, Minn., were married Oct. 2. Matt is a police officer with the Centennial Lakes Police Department. Laura is youth minister at Lutheran Church of Peace, Maplewood.

JEREMY MICHAEL, Cedar Falls, is a graduate student in the public policy master's degree program at the University of Northern Iowa.

MERIDITH MORGAN, Manson, teaches Spanish at Manson N.W. Webster High School.

JASON MORTVEDT and JESSICA McANINCH, Marion, were married Sept. 18. They are both news reporters for the KWWL-TV Cedar Rapids Bureau.

MATT MULLINS, Cedar Rapids, was promoted to executive director at Garnett Place Retirement Community.

JILL PLAGMAN RIPKE, Solon, will be a summer 2005 associate in the law firm of Perkins Coie Brown and Bain in Phoenix, Ariz.

STACI SCHNEIDER, Waverly, is a preschool special education teacher at Southeast Elementary School.

JAY WHANNEL, Cedar Rapids, is an assistant baseball coach at Mount Mercy College and works for the Cedar Rapids Kernels while finishing his master's degree. His wife, LIZ RECKER WHANNEL, is an account executive for Verizon Wireless.

Scott and TERESA KAY EAGAN WILLIAMSON, Eldora, announce the birth of Cole James, Oct. 8.

'98

Alumnus' K-9 unit nets major drug bust

Alumnus Jamie Bleess '98, a liaison officer in the Fairmont, Minn., schools, made a "routine" traffic stop he'll never forget.

The Jan. 4 traffic stop led officers to a search that resulted in the seizure of more than 7 pounds of drugs.

Bleess said he's always worried about kids using drugs, and seizing such a large quantity of narcotics will make a difference.

According to a press release from the Fairmont Police Department, Bleess' K-9 unit was called to a traffic stop. The police dog detected narcotics in the car, and a search located 5 grams of methamphetamine and 7 grams of marijuana. The driver was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

An investigation led to a search warrant at the driver's rural Truman, Minn., home, where officers discovered approximately 2.5 pounds of methamphetamine, 5.5 pounds of marijuana and 9 grams of cocaine. The estimated street value of the drugs is $106,500. Officers also found approximately $145,000 in cash and several firearms.

The driver and his wife will likely face charges of first-degree controlled substance crimes, with a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and a $1 million fine.

Courtesy Photo

DRUG BUST – Jamie Bleess '98, kneeling at right, posed for this photo with other Fairmont police officers. Bleess made a routine traffic stop that resulted in the seizure of firearms, a large sum of cash and more than 7 pounds of drugs.

Fairmont Police Chief Greg Brolsma said the investigation, search and arrest were all an excellent example of "very fine police work" and will make a significant impact on the drugs available to the local drug culture.

"It was an excellent effort," Brolsma said.

Information for this article was obtained from the Fairmont Sentinel.

CALENDAR

APRIL

2 Wartburg Community Symphony Concert – Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., featuring marimba soloist Svetoslav Stoyanov

3 Ritterchor and St. Elizabeth Chorale Concert – Wartburg Chapel, 2 p.m.

5 Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship Convocation – Neumann Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.

Leadership Event – McCaskey Lyceum, Seamann Student Center, 12:30-2:30 p.m., featuring James Autry, author, poet, and former Fortune 500 executive

Northwind Quintet – Orchestra Hall, Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

7-9 Wartburg Players Production, *Doctor Faustus* – McCaskey Lyceum, Saemann Student Center, 7:30 p.m.

8 Knightliters Jazz Band Concert – Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

9 Castle Singers Dessert Concert – Knights Ballroom, Saemann Student Center, 2 p.m.

Student Awards Ceremony and Reception – Wartburg Chapel, 4 p.m.

Bottle of Justus Concert – North Campus Mall, 9 p.m.

10 Wartburg Choir Home Concert – Wartburg Chapel, 2 p.m.

12 Convocation, "Decisions About Difference: Considering Issues of Faith and Sexuality" – Neumann Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.

16 Forensics Showcase – McCaskey Lyceum, Seamann Student Center, 5 p.m.

Symphonic Band Concert – Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

17 Wind Ensemble Concert – Neumann Auditorium, 2 p.m.

22-May 1 Tour Week

MAY

6 Junior Visit Day – A day introducing high school juniors to the Wartburg campus

14 Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) Day for incoming first-year students

Wartburg Community Symphony Concert – Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., featuring award-winning oboe soloist Gerard Reuter

28 Service of Blessing and Thanksgiving for Class of 2005 – Wartburg Chapel, 5 p.m.

May Term Band Concert – South Campus Mall, 6:30 p.m.

29 Baccalaureate – Neumann Auditorium, 10 a.m., with message by The Rev. Dr. Mark Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Commencement – Walston-Hoover Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

JUNE

5-6 Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) Day for incoming first-year students

6 Summer School Session I begins

7-9 Lutheran University and College Alumni Directors Conference

12-13 Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) Day for incoming first-year students

12-14 Iowa Music Teachers Association State Conference

17-18 Northeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Conference

19-20 Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) Day for incoming first-year students

25-July 1 Diakonia Youth Leaders Conference

JULY

12 Summer School Session II begins

15-16 College Admissions 101

15-17 Mid-American Baptist Women's Ministries

Summer Camps

JUNE

5-8 Knights Individual Wrestling Camp

6-9 Boys/Girls Basketball Day Camp

11-14 Knights Wrestling Team Camp

13-16 Boys/Girls Soccer Day Camp (Morning)

Boys/Girls Elite Soccer Camp

Volleyball Day Camp

15-18 Knights Big Man Wrestling Camp

19 Volleyball Setters Camp

20-23 Volleyball Advanced Skills Camp

20-24 Eastern Iowa Clarinet Camp

26-30 High School Advanced Broadcasting Workshop

JULY

10-14 Snow Valley Boys Basketball Camp

11-15 High School Broadcasting Workshop

13-15 Piano Camp

17-21 Snow Valley Boys Basketball Camp

17-23 Band Camp

18-30 Children's Theater Workshop

23-24 Wartburg Boys Basketball Team Camp

24-28 Wartburg Cross Country Camp

24-27 Snow Valley Girls Basketball Camp

25-29 High School Broadcasting Workshop

27-30 Soccer Overnight Camp

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